Hindi Study Guide 33

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# Materials for this Study Guide

* *Beginning Hindi: A Complete Course* (and [[accompanying audio recordings under "Additional Resources"](https://press.georgetown.edu/Book/Beginning-Hindi-1)](https://press.georgetown.edu/Book/Beginning-Urdu))
	+ Unit 5, Chapter 24 – “Describing a Scene in the Past”, pp. 354-360
* [BBC Hindi](https://www.bbc.com/hindi)
* [*Language Toolbox* on LangMedia](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/strategies)

# ASSIGNMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY

## 1: Describing What Was Happening at a Particular Moment

* Step 1: Study *BH* Chapter 24, “The Past Continuous Verb Tense”, pp. 354-355. Closely read the text, charts and examples. Make flashcards to memorize the information once you have done so, and practice them.
* Step 2: Listen to and read Vocabulary 1, pg. 355. Read the words out loud yourself as well. Then make flashcards for the words and memorize them.
* Step 3: Read Exercise 1, pg. 356 on your own. Ask questions in your tutorial if necessary.
	+ **HAND IN:** Complete Exercise 2, pp. 356-357. Be sure to *listen to the audio*. It is important for training your ear, instead of just your reading skills, and will provide a model for your own speaking.
	+ **HAND IN:** Write a dialogue, at least 15 lines, in which one of two college roommates in Delhi has just come back from an evening party put on by a Bollywood film club. They casually greet each other. The roommate who stayed behind wants to find out what the party was like, to decide if they want to join the club.

## 2: People and Places in the News – Building Cultural Knowledge

* Step 1: Look at the front page of [BBC Hindi](https://www.bbc.com/hindi). Try to look at the top headlines, and a few others. Do you recognize any of the events?
* Step 2: Try to read the top headline, and two others. Use the books glossary or try to translate word by word using online software – don’t just pop in a whole sentence to google translate, try to understand what each word means.
	+ **HAND IN:** Write out three headlines from [BBC Hindi](https://www.bbc.com/hindi). Underline or highlight words that were new for you, that you had to look up. Then, you may either:
		- Give your brief opinion of each headline in Hindi (good, bad, interesting)
		- Pick a person or place from the headline, look it up online, and write two or three sentences about it in Hindi to describe it.

# Conversation Session Preparation

* Be prepared to greet your classmates and make small talk for a few minutes.
* Be prepared to perform a role-play in which it is afternoon in an office workplace in Hyderabad. One person has a work friend who wasn’t around in the morning, but they suddenly encounter them while walking around. They ask their work friend where they were and what they were doing. Feel free to be creative or silly with what the work friend was doing!
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* Be prepared to perform a role-play in which you are a police officer called to deal with a large theft of clothes from a mall in Ghaziabad. You have to interview a teenage boy, a middle-aged woman, and an elderly man about the theft, that happened at 3:45 PM the day before. Be sure to ask where the people were and what they are doing (the person playing the suspect will play multiple roles).
* Be prepared to share one of the headlines you chose from BBC Hindi, explain in Hindi what the different words mean (using English words as necessary, such as \_\_ का मतलब English word है), and giving your opinion or description of a place/person to your classmates.

# HOMEWORK TO HAND-IN AT TUTORIAL

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