



Brief Description (Objective): The students will be able to realize that competing with themselves is better, as it is all about self-improvement.

Teaching Aids: TRD

Concept-Value Connection:

- Tense is a form of a verb that allows us to express time and has different aspects that indicate whether the actions are complete or ongoing. Each tense group, be it simple, continuous, or perfect, has its own importance, and they all equally contribute to clarity in our communication.
- Likewise, in life, whether we work individually or in a group, we should always remember that our real competition is only with ourselves, as it helps us to become better.

Activity: Role-play

Characters: Teacher-Ms. Tense, Three groups- Simple, Continuous and Perfect

Narrator: Ms. Tense's class children love her so much. Though they all belong to the same class, they have divided themselves into three groups and are competing with each other to become the best group in the class. One day, when they are engaged in an argument as to which group is the best among the three, Ms. Tense walks into the class.

Ms. Tense: What is going on here? Why are you all arguing?

Simple: Ma'am, we are all competing to become the best group in the class. Which group among the three do you consider the best ma'am?

Perfect: Of course, it's our group. We represent completion, and there could be no one better than us.

Continuous: Oh! Don't be so proud of yourself. We are no less. Without continuity, there can be no perfection. Ma'am will choose us as the best group.

Ms. Tense: What have you got to say, group Simple?

Simple: Ma'am, we are simple and at the base of everything. Without a foundation, there can be no structure. We are sure you will choose us over the other two groups.

Ms. Tense: (smiles) Well, children, you seem to have a good understanding of your traits! Let's begin with Simple. Oh, you are the cutest group! Whether in the past, present, or the future, you express plain facts in the simplest way. Next, we have the Continuous. You are the sweetest group! You represent continuity, which is the essence of everything around us. Be it the Sun and the planets, plants growing and flowering, or human life, everything is continuous. Finally, the Perfect, you are the loveliest group! Ultimately, everything is aimed for perfection or completion. Whether in the past, present, or future, reaching perfection is what we want.

All: So, who among the three do you consider the best, ma'am?

Ms. Tense: All of you. In your own ways, each of you is special. You all are the best, as there can be no comparison between the sun and the moon. Even if one of you is not there, this class will feel incomplete. To become the best, don't compete with others; but start competing with yourself. Be SIMPLE at heart, make CONTINUOUS efforts to improve yourself every day, and PERFECTly complete all that you undertake. With this formula, you are all sure to be winners in life.

Remember, **“Competition with others makes you bitter. Competition with self makes you better”**.

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