

Past Perfect Continuous Sample Exercises

Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in the past perfect continuous tense.

She _____ (study) for hours before the power outage.

- Answer: had been studying

They were tired because they _____ (work) all day in the garden.

- Answer: had been working

By the time I arrived, the team _____ (practice) for two hours.

- Answer: had been practicing

Had they _____ (wait) for long before the bus arrived?

- Answer: been waiting

The chef was exhausted because he _____ (cook) in the hot kitchen all evening.

- Answer: had been cooking

Exercise 2: Transform the given sentences into the past perfect continuous tense.

She (read) a book all morning.

- Answer: She had been reading a book all morning.

They (play) soccer for an hour when it started raining.

- Answer: They had been playing soccer for an hour when it started raining.

I (study) for the exam all week.

- Answer: I had been studying for the exam all week.

By the time we left, they (wait) for thirty minutes.

- Answer: By the time we left, they had been waiting for thirty minutes.

Had you (learn) French for a long time before your trip to Paris?

- Answer: Had you been learning French for a long time before your trip to Paris?

Exercise 3: Choose the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

She (had been waiting / waited) for the bus for half an hour before it arrived.

They (had been hiking / hiked) in the mountains all day when the storm hit.

By the time I got there, he (had been playing / played) the piano for hours.

Had you (been practicing / practiced) the guitar before the concert?

The garden was lush and green because it (had been receiving / received) regular care.

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