

Past Perfect Continuous

1 Write the verb in the Past Perfect Continuous.

- 1 I _____ (wait) for an hour when the doctor finally called my name.
- 2 She was tired because she _____ (work) all day.
- 3 The streets were wet. It _____ (rain) all night.
- 4 We _____ (drive) for six hours when the car broke down.
- 5 His eyes were red. He _____ (cry).
- 6 They _____ (date) for three years before they got engaged.
- 7 I _____ (not / sleep) well, so I went to see a doctor.
- 8 She _____ (not / feel) well for days before she called in sick.
- 9 How long _____ you _____ (live) in Boston before you moved to Denver?
- 10 What _____ you _____ (do) before I called? You sounded out of breath.

2 Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect Continuous.

- 1 My dad _____ (work) at the factory for thirty years when it closed.
- 2 I _____ (study) English for only six months before my trip to New York.
- 3 We _____ (save) for two years before we bought our first house.
- 4 She _____ (look) for a job since January when she finally got an offer.
- 5 The kids _____ (play) outside, so their clothes were dirty.
- 6 I was angry because I _____ (wait) for him since noon.
- 7 They _____ (argue) all evening, so dinner was very quiet.
- 8 He _____ (not / pay) attention, so he missed his exit.
- 9 Her English was great because she _____ (watch) American TV for years.

3 Circle the correct form.

- 1 By noon she _____ three cups of coffee.
had been drinking / had drunk / has been drinking
- 2 I _____ for twenty minutes when the bus finally arrived.
had been waiting / have been waiting / was waiting

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3 Circle the correct form.

- 3 When I got home, I saw that someone _____ my car. It was gone. had been taking / had taken / has taken
- 4 He was out of breath because he _____. had been running / has been running /
- 5 I _____ that book three times before I saw the movie. had been reading / had read / have been reading
- 6 We _____ in line for an hour before they opened the doors. had been standing / have stood / are
- 7 She _____ the report, so she sent it to her boss. had been finishing / had finished / has been finishing
- 8 They _____ each other for ten years before they got married. had been knowing / had known / have
- 9 The kitchen smelled great. Mom _____ all morning. had been baking / has been baking / bakes

4 Choose the correct sentence.

- 1 a) I had been work there for a year.
b) I had been working there for a year.
c) I had being working there for a year.
- 2 a) She had been crying, so her eyes were red.
b) She has been crying, so her eyes were red.
c) She had been cry, so her eyes were red.
- 3 a) How long had you been knowing him?
b) How long had you known him?
c) How long you had known him?
- 4 a) We had been driving for hours when we stopped.
b) We have been driving for hours when we stopped.
c) We had driving for hours when we stopped.
- 5 a) I had been writing five emails by ten.
b) I had written five emails by ten.
c) I have been written five emails by ten.
- 6 a) He hadn't been sleeping well for weeks.
b) He hadn't been sleep well for weeks.
c) He didn't been sleeping well for weeks.

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5 Put the words in order.

1 tired / I / because / day / had / been / I / working / was / all / .

2 it / night / all / been / raining / had / .

3 been / long / you / waiting / had / how / ?

4 a / been / for / year / had / house / looking / a / we / for / .

5 been / she / meeting / before / had / the / crying / .

6 been / well / I / sleeping / hadn't / weeks / for / .

7 had / you / morning / all / been / doing / what / ?

6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 I had been wait for an hour.

2 She had being working all night.

3 We has been driving for hours.

4 How long had you be living there?

5 He was tired because he has been running.

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6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

6 It had been rain all day.

7 She hadn't been feel well for days.

8 They had been arguing for hours when I arrive.

YOUR LIFE

7 Write about times you were tired, angry or happy. What had you been doing?

I WAS TIRED BECAUSE I HAD BEEN...

BEFORE I..., I HAD BEEN...
