GRAMMAR-WORKBOOK PAG.91

Past perfect continuous SB p.115

5 ★☆☆ Put the words in order to make sentences.

0 been / hours / talking / we / for / had
We had been talking for hours.

1 been / to / I / them / hadn't / listening

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

3 crying / had / morning / she / been / all

4 well / I / been / hadn't / very / feeling

5 had / been / how / it / raining / long?

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6 ★☆☆ Circle the best options.

0 I was disappointed. I *had saved* / *had been saving* all year and I still didn't have enough money.

1 Dad *had cooked* / *had been cooking* all morning and the kitchen smelled great.

2 They *hadn't eaten* / *hadn't been eating* anything all day and they were really hungry.

3 Kevin *had watched* / *had been watching* the film five times and he still didn't really understand it.

4 They *had walked* / *had been walking* 50 km before they saw anyone.

5 She failed the test because she *hadn't written* / *hadn't been writing* enough.

7 ★★☆ Complete the text with the words in the list.

~~had been having~~ | hadn't called | hadn't listened
had been snowing | had been waiting
hadn't been sleeping | had written

I [0] *had been having* headaches for a week and I [1] _____ well, so my dad made an appointment for me to see the doctor. We took a taxi to the doctor's because it [2] _____ all morning.

We arrived at 3 pm and sat down. We [3] _____ for an hour and they still [4] _____ me when Dad went to talk to the receptionist. My appointment was for 2 pm! Dad [5] _____ properly on the phone and he [6] _____ down the wrong time!

8 ★★★ Complete the sentences with the verbs. Use one past perfect simple form and one past perfect continuous form in each pair.

0 (spend)
A She didn't have any money left because she *had spent* it all on a new dress.
B They *had been spending* too much money for years and now they had none left.

1 (play)
A He _____ only _____ football for five minutes when he broke his leg.
B They _____ all the games in the house and now they were bored.

2 (drink)
A He _____ four glasses of water and now he really needed the toilet.
B He _____ the cup of coffee for more than an hour and now it was cold.

3 (not look)
A She _____ where she was going and that's why she crashed.
B She _____ at her diary that day and that's why she missed her appointment.

GET IT right!

Past perfect continuous vs. past continuous

Learners sometimes use the past continuous when the past perfect continuous is required.

✓ *We had been training for weeks, but we lost.*
✗ *We were training for weeks, but we lost.*

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

0 I found his phone under the chair where he *had been sitting* (sit).

1 We met by accident when she _____ (walk) her dog.

2 When I saw him, he _____ (carry) a rucksack.

3 I _____ (wait) for hours, so I was very happy when he called.

4 I _____ (work) all day, so I decided to go out.

5 He _____ (talk) on his phone when the fire alarm went off.