

Past Perfect vs. Past Perfect Continuous

Directions: Write the verb(s) in parentheses using the **past perfect** or the **past perfect continuous**.

Examples:

By the time I arrived, they had been waiting for over an hour.
(wait)

I had sent the email already before I realized it was to the wrong person. (send)

1. By the time the meeting started, we _____ already _____ the main points.
(discuss)
2. She _____ at the company for ten years before she retired last August.
(work)
3. By the time he apologized, he _____ about the issue all day.
(think)
4. When the concert began, the audience _____ their seats already.
(take)
5. By the time the bus arrived, we _____ in the rain for 40 minutes.
(stand)
6. She _____ her homework before she went out with friends.
(finish)
7. By the time I noticed the mistake, I _____ on the report for hours.
(work)

8. They _____ already _____ the house before the storm hit.
(leave)
9. He _____ sick all morning, so he decided to see a doctor.
(feel)
11. She _____ for a new job for a long time before she finally got an offer. (look)
12. The students _____ the test by the time the class ended.
(finish)
13. By the time she called me back, I _____ for almost an hour. (wait)
14. He _____ the instructions before he started the project, so he exactly what to do. (read)
15. They _____ married for very long before they decided to get a divorce. (not, been)
16. Cindy _____ well for weeks before she finally decided to go to the doctor.
(not, sleep)