# Past perfect continuous

Watch the video about the past perfect continuous.

The past perfect continuous is formed using had + been + ing verb+ complement for all subjects.

Affirmative:
Subject + had been + verb -ing + complement.
Example: She had been studying for two hours before the exam started.

Negative:
Subject + had not been (hadn't been) + verb -ing + complement.
Example: They hadn't been waiting long when the train arrived.

Interrogative:
Had + subject + been + verb ing + complement?
Example: Had you been working there before 2020?

## Vocabulary:

1. Instructions: Match each word with its correct definition.

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| 1. Exhausted | A. Very tired |
| 2. Deadline | B. The time when something must be finished |
| 3. Muddy | C. Covered with mud |
| 4. Practice | D. Repeating an activity to improve |
| 5. Complain | E. To express dissatisfaction |

## Grammar-writing

**2.** Instructions: Complete each sentence using the Past Perfect Continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. She _____ (study) for three hours before the exam started.
2. They _____ (play) soccer before it began to rain.
3. I _____ (work) all morning, so I was exhausted.
4. He _____ (not / sleep) well before the trip.
5. ____ you _____ (wait) long before the bus arrived?

## Use of English

**3.** Instructions: Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

1. We _____ for the train for 30 minutes when it finally arrived.
   - a) had been waiting
   - b) have waited
   - c) are waiting

2. They _____ for the test before the teacher arrived.
   - a) had been studying
   - b) have studying
   - c) had study

3. How long _____ before you took a break?
   - a) had you been running
   - b) have you running
   - c) did you been running

4. He was wet because it _____ for hours.
   - a) had been raining
   - b) has rain
   - c) was rained

## Reading

**4.** Read the following news report carefully. Pay attention to the actions that had been happening before the accident.

### Tesla says crashed vehicle had been on autopilot prior to accident

LOS GATOS, California (Reuters) - Tesla Inc said on Friday that a Tesla Model X involved a fatal crash in California last week had activated its Autopilot system, raising new questions about the semi-autonomous system that handles some driving tasks.

Tesla also said vehicle logs from the accident showed no action had been taken by the driver soon before the crash and that he had received earlier warnings to put his hands on the wheel.

"The driver had about five seconds and 150 meters of unobstructed view of the concrete divider with the crushed crash attenuator, but the vehicle logs show that no action was taken," Tesla said.

The statement did not say why the Autopilot system apparently did not detect the concrete divider.

The fatal crash and vehicle fire of the Tesla near Mountain View, California, involved two other cars and delayed traffic for hours. The 38-year-old Tesla driver died at a nearby hospital shortly after the crash.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which launched an investigation into the crash earlier this week, did not immediately comment late Friday. The National Transportation Safety Board is also investigating the fatal crash.

Autopilot allows drivers to take their hands off the wheel for extended periods under certain conditions. Tesla requires users to agree to keep their hands on the wheel "at all times" before they can use autopilot, but users routinely tout the fact they can use the system to drive hands-free.

The NTSB faulted Tesla in a prior fatal autopilot crash.

In September, NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt said operational limitations in the Tesla Model S played a major role in a May 2016 crash that killed a driver using autopilot.

That death -- the first fatality in a Tesla vehicle operating in Autopilot mode -- raised questions about the safety of systems that can perform driving tasks for long stretches with little or no human intervention, but which cannot completely replace human drivers.

The NTSB said Tesla could have taken further steps to prevent the system's misuse and faulted the driver for not paying attention and for "overreliance on vehicle automation."

https://www.yahoo.com/news/tesla-says-crashed-vehicle-had-030414425.html?utm_source



Read the sentences carefully and write if they are True (T) or False (F).

1. ___ The driver had been traveling on the highway before the accident occurred.
2. ___ The Tesla had been operating in Autopilot mode before the crash.
3. ___ The driver had been paying attention to the road during the entire journey.
4. ___ Some drivers had been relying too heavily on autonomous technology.
5. ___ Tesla had been warning drivers to keep their hands on the steering wheel.
6. ___ The vehicle had been detecting every obstacle on the road before the accident.
7. ___ The NTSB had been investigating safety concerns related to Autopilot technology.
8. ___ The driver had been using the Autopilot system before the accident

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**Listen** carefully the audio about '***Tesla says crashed vehicle had been on autopilot prior to accident'***. Then choose the correct option.

1. When did the accident happen?
- A) March 2016
- B) March 2018
- C) March 2020

2. Where did the accident happen?
- A) California
- B) Florida
- C) New York

3. What system had been operating before the crash?
- A) GPS
- B) Autopilot
- C) Automatic parking

4. What had the driver received before the accident?
- A) Several warnings
- B) A phone call
- C) A traffic ticket

5. What had some drivers been doing?
- A) Driving without technology
- B) Relying too much on autonomous technology
- C) Avoiding highways

## Writing

Instructions: Write a short paragraph (120–180 words) about a situation that happened in the past. Describe what you or other people had been doing before that event. Use the Past Perfect Continuous at least 5 times.

You can write about:
- An important day at school.
- A stressful day.
- A traffic accident.
- A surprise party
- A difficult experience



## Speaking

Work with a partner. Ask and answer the following questions using the Past Perfect Continuous.
1. What had you been doing before you went to bed last night?
2. How long had you been studying English before this activity?
3. What had you been doing before your last vacation?

Example:

A: What had you been doing before you came to class?

B: I had been doing my homework…

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