

NAME : _____ CLASS : _____ DATE: _____

PRACTICE 1: PAST PERFECT OR PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE.

Fill in the blank with the correct past perfect or past perfect continuous tense.

1. When we reached the stadium, the match **(had started, had been starting)**.
2. I was early for the flight. Even the plane **(had not arrived, had not been arriving)** yet.
3. The young nurses were exhausted as they **(had been keeping, had kept)** watch over the patients for the past 18 hours without a break.
4. Aziz **(had been working, had worked)** as a policeman before he became a teacher.
5. When the teacher came, the naughty pupils who had destroyed the windows **(had disappeared, had been disappearing)** from the class.
6. Since last week, the boss **(had postponed, had been postponing)** the meeting because his family was sick.
7. Julia **(had been trying, had tried)** to contact Abdullah for the whole of last week.
8. Edward **(had travelled, had been travelling)** to many states for the past few days.
9. Father **(had paid, had been paying)** the telephone bill when we got back from Paris.
10. The accident site was chaotic as the victim **(had lost, had been losing)** everything in the fire.



"Nostalgia is like a
grammar lesson.
You find the present tense,
but the past perfect!"
-Owens Lee Pomeroy