

Past Perfect Progressive (Past Perfect Continuous)

The past perfect progressive puts emphasis on the course or duration of an action taking place before a certain time in the past.

Form

A: He had been talking.

N: He had not been talking.

Q: Had he been talking?

Use

action taking place before a certain time in the past

sometimes interchangeable with past perfect simple

puts emphasis on the course or duration of an action

signal words

for, since, the whole day, all day

Put the verbs into the correct form (past perfect progressive).

1. We (sleep) _____ for 12 hours when he woke us up.
2. They (wait) _____ at the station for 90 minutes when the train finally arrived.
3. We (look for) _____ her ring for two hours and then we found it in the bathroom.
4. I (not / walk) _____ for a long time, when it suddenly began to rain.
5. How long (learn / she) _____ English before she went to London?
6. Frank Sinatra caught the flu because he (sing) _____ in the rain too long.
7. He (drive) _____ less than an hour when he ran out of petrol.
8. They were very tired in the evening because they (help) _____ on the farm all day.
9. I (not / work) _____ all day; so I wasn't tired and went to the disco at night.
10. They (cycle) _____ all day so their legs were sore in the evening.

Completa las frases con la forma correcta del verbo que se encuentra entre paréntesis.

Sample

She was excited because she _____ (plan) her trip to Italy.

Q1 of 8

They _____ (not/talk) when the phone cut out.

Q2 of 8

_____ you _____ (research) the problem for long when you found the solution?

Q3 of 8

Adam and Natalie _____ (know) each other for years when they started dating.

Q4 of 8

I needed a change. I _____ (live) in New York for a long time.

Q5 of 8

Sally _____ (work) as a waitress for 5 years when she went back to university.

Q6 of 8

_____ Toni and Julie _____ (date) long when they broke up?

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Q7 of 8

She _____ already _____ (see) that film in the cinema when they watched it on DVD.

Q8 of 8

I was so frustrated. I _____ (write) my story for 2 weeks when I lost my notebook