

Past Perfect Continuous Tense

(Had + been + verb + ing)

An action that started in the past, and continued up until another time or action in the past

- He _____ for hours before he arrived. (drive)
- He _____ that heavy box for an hour before he could put it down. (carry)
- He _____ for some hours before he got it right. (draw)
- I _____ all day for him to arrive. (wait)
- I _____ to get a visa for months before I gave up. (try)
- He went to bed early because he _____ ill all day. (feel)
- The jury _____ it's verdict for most of the day before the judge ordered them to find the murderer guilty. (consider)
- They _____ on the phone for over 2 hours before ending their conversation (chat)
- I _____ for the bus for half an hour before it arrived. (wait)
- He was tired because he _____ hard all day. (work)
- They _____ in that house for 20 years before they sold it. (live)
- The children _____ outside all day until it started to rain. (play)