

1. The project _____ on for weeks before it was finally completed.
2. By the time I arrived, the cake _____ for hours.
3. The old house _____ for several months when they decided to sell it.
4. The novel _____ for years before it was published.
5. By the time they reached the airport, the flight _____ for hours.
6. The garden _____ to with care by the time the visitors arrived.
7. The car _____ for days before it broke down again.
8. The new bridge _____ for months before it opened to the public.
9. The dinner _____ for hours before they sat down to eat.
10. By the time he got the message, the news _____ all over town.
11. The film _____ for weeks before it was ready for screening.
12. The concert _____ for weeks before it was performed live.
13. The letter _____ for hours before she finally sent it.
14. By the time they got to the party, the decorations _____ for a long time.
15. The book _____ by many people before it became a bestseller.
16. The speech _____ for days before the conference.
17. The experiment _____ for months before they found conclusive results.
18. The story _____ for generations before it was written down.
19. The play _____ for weeks before it received critical acclaim