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PAST PERFECT vs. PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

ENTRY TEST: Supply the correct verb tense

1. She (hang).....up before I answered the phone.
2. I (finish).....cooking before noon.
3. It was the worst experience I (ever have) .....
4. He (teach).....for 35 years when he retired.
5. When they came back from the beach, their skin was red. They (lie) ..... in the sun for 5 hours.
6. That was the only science fiction he (read) .....
7. It was midnight and the children (go) .....to bed hours ago.
8. It (rain) .....for three days when the dam burst.
9. She said that she (wait).....there for an hour.
10. Everyone felt exhausted because they (work).....all day.

Form & Use:

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS	FORM	(+)
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	USE	

Use: Past Perfect Continuous is used for

1. **A continuing past** action which continued **up to a point in the past**.

2. **A continuous past action** that was still relevant at a point in the past, or **caused a visible result.**

MORE PRACTICE

Use PAST PERFECT and PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

1. It was only four o'clock but everyone (already/leave) .....the office.
2. After they (work).....for several hours, they decided to take a rest.
3. We (live).....there for many months before we noticed these problems.

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4. I (save)……for months but I still didn't have enough money to buy a new car.
5. I could tell they (do)……something wrong because they were looking guilty.
6. He (be) ……..in hospital for days before I heard about the accident.
7. The performance (just start)……..when we arrived.
8. He denied that he (take)……..the money from the safe.
9. It was 8 a.m. No one was awake, though, because they (go)……to bed late the night before.
10. By nine that evening, most of the guests (leave)……..the party.
11. She had paint on her hands because she (decorate)……the kitchen.
12. I (work)……..hard all year, so I felt I deserved a holiday.
13. We (drive)……for an hour before the engine suddenly stopped.
14. By the smell in the room I could tell that Alex (smoke)…….
15. Mrs. Bishop (try)……to have children for years; then she finally became pregnant at the age of 45.
16. That was the first time we (be)……..to the castle, even though we (visit)…….. Edinburgh a few times before.
17. Meg James (write)……children's stories for 10 years before she got her first book published.
18. My teacher was really annoyed with me. It was the third time I (arrive)……. late that week.
19. I was sure that I (meet)……him before.
20. When I met him, he was breathless. He (run) ……

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