# Past Perfect & Past Perfect Continuous

## Quick Review

**Memory Prompt:**

- **Past Perfect (had + V3):** Focuses on the *result* of an action completed before another time in the past.
- **Past Perfect Continuous (had been + V-ing):** Focuses on the *duration* of an action that was happening up to a point in the past.

Match the sentence halves.

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| **1.** I was completely exhausted because... | **a.** by the time we got to the cinema. |
| **2.** The film had already started... | **b.** before the train finally arrived. |
| **3.** When I checked my bag,... | **c.** I had been working in the garden all day. |
| **4.** They had been waiting in the freezing cold for an hour... | **d.** until she visited the Carpathian Mountains. |
| **5.** She had never seen snow... | **e.** I realised I had left my keys inside the flat. |
| **6.** Oleh was breathless because... | **f.** he had been running to catch the bus. |
| **7.** By the time Olena reached the station,... | **g.** her bus had already departed. |
| **8.** The kitchen was a mess because... | **h.** the children had been baking a cake. |
| **9.** He didn't want to see the film again because... | **i.** he had already watched it twice. |
| **10.** My teacher was annoyed because... | **j.** I hadn't finished my homework on time. |

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## Choose the Correct Tense

Circle or tick the correct option to complete each sentence.

**1.** When I woke up, the streets were covered in white. It _____ heavily all night.

a) had snowed b) had been snowing c) was snowing

**2.** She _____ reading the book by the time she had to return it to the library.

a) hadn't been finishing b) didn't finish c) hadn't finished

**3.** We _____ for hours when the car suddenly broke down on the motorway.

a) had been driving b) had driven c) drove

**4.** By the time Olena reached the station, the train _____.

a) had been leaving b) had left c) was leaving

**5.** He was very tired because he _____ all day in the garden.

a) had been working b) had worked c) worked

**6.** By the time the police arrived, the burglars _____.

a) had been escaping b) had escaped c) were escaping

**7.** The ground was wet because it _____ for several hours.

a) had been raining b) had rained c) was raining

**8.** I was nervous because I _____ a speech in front of so many people before.

a) hadn't been giving b) hadn't given c) didn't give

**9.** How long _____ for me before I finally showed up?

a) had you been waiting b) had you waited c) were you waiting

**10.** Pavlo _____ his homework before his friends invited him out to play.

a) had been completing b) had completed c) has completed

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## A Disastrous Journey ✈

Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets. You must decide whether to use the **Past Simple**, **Past Perfect Simple**, or **Past Perfect Continuous**.

**1.** By the time we _____ (arrive) at the airport, the plane _____ (already / take) off.

**2.** Maksym's eyes were red because he _____ (play) video games for five hours.

**3.** I _____ (not / eat) anything all day, so I was absolutely starving by dinner time.

**4.** How long _____ (you / learn) English before you _____ (visit) London last summer?

**5.** Sarah _____ (be) really tired because she _____ (run) for over an hour.

**6.** They _____ (not / finish) their dinner when the waiter _____ (take) their plates away.

**7.** I _____ (recognise) the man because I _____ (see) his photo in the newspaper earlier.

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