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.

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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