

# PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

## Grammar Summary

| Form               | Subject + had been + verb-ing           | Use: action ongoing up to a point in the past              |
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| <b>Affirmative</b> | <i>She had been training for years.</i> | Time markers: for, since, all day, when, before, until     |
| <b>Negative</b>    | <i>He had not been sleeping well.</i>   | Emphasizes DURATION of an action before another past event |
| <b>Question</b>    | <i>Had they been working all night?</i> |                                                            |

### Activity G5 — Complete the Sentence

Use the Past Perfect Continuous form of the verb in brackets.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into the wall for 15 minutes when she had a great idea.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) about superheroes for an hour before Anna left.
3. Anna \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to fly all morning when she finally gave up.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ (search) for his superpower for months before he discovered it.
5. The team \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on the project for weeks when the storm hit.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) superhero movies all afternoon before the convention.
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not sleep) well for days when she finally went to the doctor.
8. How long \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) before the show started?
9. The children \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the park all day when it suddenly rained.
10. Anna \_\_\_\_\_ (train) to use her powers when she met the young man.

### Activity G6 — Combine the Sentences

*Join the two sentences into ONE using the Past Perfect Continuous. Use when or before.*

1. Anna tried to become invisible. Then she had an idea.

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2. The superhero ran for miles. Then she stopped to rest.

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3. They discussed the plan all night. Then they made a decision.

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4. He practiced the same move for months. Then he finally succeeded.

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5. She read about superhero conventions. Then she decided to go.

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6. The announcer explained the grammar. Then the video continued.

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7. Anna's friend trained with her. Then he left for another city.

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8. The children waited for the lightning bolt lady. Then she arrived.

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9. He used his superpower to help others. Then he felt exhausted.

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10. She searched for the right costume. Then she finally found it.

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## Activity G7 — Error Correction

*Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.*

1. She have been walking for hours when the storm started.

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2. They had been talk about this for days before the meeting.

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3. Had he been work on this project all week?

→ \_\_\_\_\_

4. Anna had been trying became invisible since morning.

→ \_\_\_\_\_

5. We had been waited for an hour when they finally arrived.

→ \_\_\_\_\_

6. She had been not sleeping well for weeks.

→ \_\_\_\_\_

7. He had been ran every day before the competition.

→ \_\_\_\_\_

8. They had be playing music all evening before the guests arrived.

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9. Had she been trains for the championships?

→ \_\_\_\_\_

10. The team had been work on the solution since three months.

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