Past Perfect: Simple vs Continuous

HOMEWORK | B1+ | 25–35 minutes | Name: _____

Instructions: Complete all exercises. Use the meaning of the sentence, not only the time expression. Write full sentences where requested.

1 • Choose the correct form

Circle the best answer.

1. When we reached the museum, the guided tour ___ .
A. had already started B. had already been starting

2. Olivia was tired because she ___ all day.
A. had worked B. had been working

3. By eight o'clock, Dad ___ dinner.
A. had cooked B. had been cooking

4. They ___ for nearly an hour before the doors opened.
A. had stood B. had been standing

5. I ___ that film before, so I knew the ending.
A. had seen B. had been seeing

6. His eyes were red because he ___ at the screen for hours.
A. had stared B. had been staring

7. By the time the guests arrived, we ___ the table.
A. had set B. had been setting

8. She ___ him for ten years when they got married.
A. had known B. had been knowing

2 • Form the sentence

Use the words to make a positive (+), negative (−), or question (?) sentence.

1. (+) / by 5 p.m. / they / finish / the project

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2. (−) / she / not / eat / before the meeting

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3. (?) / he / study / for long / before the test

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4. (+) / it / rain / all morning / before the match

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5. (?) / you / ever / visit / London / before 2020

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3 • Complete the story

Put the verbs in brackets into Past Simple, Past Perfect Simple or Past Perfect Continuous.

Last Saturday, Daniel (1) _____ (arrive) at the railway station at 9:15. He (2) _____ (plan) the trip for weeks and (3) _____ (pack) his bag the night before. Unfortunately, the train (4) _____ (already / leave) when he reached the platform. He was exhausted because he (5) _____ (run) to the station for twenty minutes. He (6) _____ (never / miss) a train before, so he (7) _____ (feel) really disappointed. By the time his friend (8) _____ (call), Daniel (9) _____ (buy) another ticket. He finally (10) _____ (get) on the next train.

4 • Translate into English

Use Past Perfect Simple or Past Perfect Continuous.

1. Коли я прийшов, вони вже пішли.

2. До шостої години вона закінчила звіт.

3. Він був утомлений, тому що працював увесь день.

4. Скільки часу ти чекав до того, як автобус приїхав?

5. Я ніколи не бачив моря до тієї поїздки.

6. До того часу, як почався фільм, ми вже двадцять хвилин чекали.

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Homework • Use it yourself

5 • Write your own examples

Write one natural sentence for each prompt. Do not repeat the examples from the grammar summary.

1. Past Perfect Simple + by the time

2. Past Perfect Simple + never

3. Past Perfect Continuous + for

4. Past Perfect Continuous + since

5. Past Perfect Continuous + all morning

6 • Writing task (70–90 words)

Write about a day when something went wrong (a missed bus, lost phone, stressful trip, etc.). Use at least 2 examples of Past Perfect Simple and 2 examples of Past Perfect Continuous. Underline these verb phrases.

Ideas: What had happened before the problem? What had you been doing? How did you feel? What did you do next?

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