Past perfect: **S + had + V3/V-ed**

1. She had gone to the library before she came back home.

They bought a new house after they had had enough money.

2. Before 10 a.m. yesterday, I had studied English.

Past perfect continuous: **S + had + been + V-ing**

1. She had been waiting for 2 hours before he came back.

2. Before 2 p.m. yesterday, he had been waiting for him for 2 hours.

I. Choose the correct form of the verb in *italics* complete the sentences.

1 The phone *had been ringing/rang* for ages before she answered it.
2 By the time the storm was over, the river had *flooded/been flooding* the village
3 The teacher told us that the Romans had *been arriving/arrived* in Britain in 43 AD.
4 'Did you ask him if he *had taken/took* his medicine?'
5 'Yes. He said he had just *been finishing/finished* the bottle.'
6 Tony was surprised that the storm had not *been waking/woken* him up.
7 We were sitting on the steps when the bus had *come/came.*
8 The people were very angry because they had *paid/been paying* such high taxes for years.
9 The girls had *been studying/studying* ancient Roman art for two terms.
10 When Harriet saw Jill's bedroom she said she had never *seen/been seeing* such a mess.

II. Write either the past perfect simple or continuous of the verbs in brackets to complete the sentences.

1 Gareth realised that Tim ..... (tell) him lies all the time.
2 They..... (give) him the key to the house before they went away.
3 Because they had no antibiotics, 2,000 people ..... (die).
4 We..... (wait) for days when the letter finally arrived.
5 At the end of the match David didn't know if his team ..... (win) or not.
6 Sam felt really proud because he ..... (pass) his French exam.
7 Bella decided that she ..... (work) long enough, so she put her books away.
8 By the time help arrived, the cat ..... (be) stuck up the tree for hours.
9 ..... (you notice) how think the snow is getting?
10 I think it's time to go to sleep. We ..... (talk) for hours!

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III. Put the words in the correct order.

1 thought /I/had /finished /you/.

2 been / all / Petra / morning / had / cooking /.

3 before / she / Had / the / seen / film /?

4 hadn't / enough / waiting / been / long / We /.

5 since / Had / lunch / Karen / working / time / been?

6 The / never / general / lost / a / before / battle / had.

7 had / doing / Steve / day / What / been / all /?

8 first / had / 1 / just / match / won / my.

9 had / to / been / looking / test / We / forward / not / the / French /.

10 had / Chris / bus / he/ missed / said / the.

IV. Write the missing words in the second sentence so it means the same as the first sentence.

1 Tennis became popular in the royal courts in the 14th century.
By the 14th century, tennis popular ..... in the royal courts.

2 Monks were playing tennis inside their monasteries for ages before it became popular
Before it became popular, monks had ..... tennis inside their monasteries for ages.

3 One of Henry 8th's servants had to start the game for him because he got so fat.
Henry 8th' of England ..... too fat so one of his servants had to start the game for him.

4 Players originally hit the ball with their hand, then they started using a racket.
Before players started using a racket, they ..... the ball with their hand.

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5 The game was very different before the modern game was invented in 1873.
The modern game was invented in 1873 and before that, it ..... in lots of ways.

6 Women started competing in national games in about 1880.
By the 20th century, women ..... in national games for about 20 years.

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