

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in past perfect progressive tense.

- 1) Tony's knee (ache) _____ until the coach bandaged it.
- 2) Sean and Melinda (not, keep) _____ good financial records before they got an accountant to help them.
- 3) The owner of the cookie shop (plan) _____ to add two more ovens before the building burned.
- 4) My family and I (live) _____ in the Florida Keys before we decided to move to the northern part of the state.
- 5) The peaches (not, hang) _____ on the trees for long before the birds ate them.
- 6) The lake (supply) _____ water for the town since 1902. Now it was too polluted.
- 7) Crystal (paint) _____ the walls before she ran out of paint.
- 8) The colony's independent farmers (feel) _____ resentful about English rule and taxation long before the Revolution.
- 9) Mrs. Esposito (not, cook) _____ very much until Vincent arrived and asked for his favorite dishes.
- 10) Until Nigel joined a fraternity, he (call) _____ his father every Saturday.

Note: In this exercise, adverbs, like *still*, *already*, *usually*, *frequently*, *never*, and others—are used in verbs which are in the past perfect progressive tense. An adverb tells us something more about the action of the verb. It is said to "modify" the verb.

Example: Before the horse broke his leg, he (usually, race) had usually been running two races each month.

- 11) The children (seldom, read) _____ books before the nanny began taking them to the library.
- 12) Trina (never, ski) _____ before her family moved to the mountains.
- 13) John and Carrie (happily, prepare) _____ a room for a baby boy before they discovered that they would have a girl.
- 14) Our mail carrier (faithfully, bring) _____ our mail for over 30 years before he retired.

15) The dog next door (persistently bark) _____ each night that summer, keeping us awake.

Write sentences in past perfect continuous tense forms. Use the proper punctuation marks at the end of your sentences.

(+) He had been driving less than an hour when he ran out of petrol.

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(?) Had Jane been gossiping in the coffee shop for two hours?

Unscramble the words to create a complete sentence.

Frank rain caught the because been too he flu had in Sinatra singing the long.

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