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Grammar

Past perfect simple and past perfect continuous

I can use the past perfect simple and past perfect continuous.

1 Complete the sentences with the past perfect simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- He made a dentist's appointment because he _____ (broke) a tooth.
- We _____ (not leave) enough time, so we missed our train.
- After she _____ (chose) a new skirt, she looked for a top to match it.
- I couldn't make my new tablet work because I _____ (lose) the instructions.
- When I checked the receipt later, I realised I _____ (pay) too much for my shopping.
- Sam forgot to take a hat on the camping trip, but luckily his friend _____ (bring) a spare one.
- The car went off the road because it _____ (hit) a patch of ice.
- You would have saved money if you _____ (buy) that DVD in the sale.

2 Complete the sentences with the past perfect continuous form of the verbs below.

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- We _____ for less than an hour when the coach broke down.
- I _____ for my friend for an hour when he phoned to say he couldn't come.
- When I met Dean, he _____ as a teacher in Argentina since 2012.
- I could tell my mum _____ because the kitchen smelled of curry.
- They _____ for their dog for two days when it turned up outside their house.
- My cousin _____ to drive for over a year before she passed her test.
- He eventually went to the doctor because his leg _____ for a week.
- I _____ to get a ticket to the show for several minutes when the website crashed.

3 Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- you / went / eaten / Had / you / breakfast / out / before / ?
- long / They / bus / waiting / the / hadn't / arrived / been / when
- been / swimming / because / just / was / He / cold / he'd
- before / London / he / living / to / Where / he / had / seen / moved / ?
- so / expected / presents / get / hadn't / She / to / many
- before / for / long / married / they / dating / they / Had / been / got / ?

4 Complete the sentences with the words in brackets. Use the past perfect simple or past perfect continuous.

- I (never / snorkel) before Mia took me last year.
- Clara was annoyed because the book she'd ordered (not / arrive).
- How long (you / play) the guitar before we met?
- By the time the shops opened, (they / queue) for nearly an hour.
- I looked for my bag, but (I forgot) where I'd put it.
- Greg was tired last night because (he / play) basketball.

5 Complete the text with the past perfect simple or past perfect continuous form of the verbs below.

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Jennifer Lawrence was born in the United States in 1990. Once, before she became famous, she ¹ _____ about being a doctor and ² _____ that she'd ever become an actress. That changed when she was fourteen. She ³ _____ a spring break with her parents when a stranger spotted her and asked to do a screen test. Then things progressed fast. Not long after she ⁴ _____ work in commercials for MTV, she appeared in a TV series. Her family ⁵ _____ in Kentucky for many years, but they moved to Los Angeles when her career took off. Two years before filming *The Hunger Games* in 2012, she ⁶ _____ in *Winter's Bone* and been nominated for an Oscar. She ⁷ _____ Nicholas Hoult, her co-star from *X-Men*, for two years when they split up in 2013.



6 Complete the second sentence with a past perfect tense so that it means the same as the first.

- It was months since he'd played tennis.
He _____ for months.
- She ate her dinner and then went to bed.
After she _____, she went to bed.
- Zoe saved for ages and then bought a new watch.
Zoe _____ before she bought a new watch.
- Eric broke his arm so he couldn't go to school.
Eric couldn't go to school _____.
- We sat in the park for an hour and then it got dark.
By the time it _____ in the park for an hour.
- It was his first visit to Europe.
He _____ Europe before.