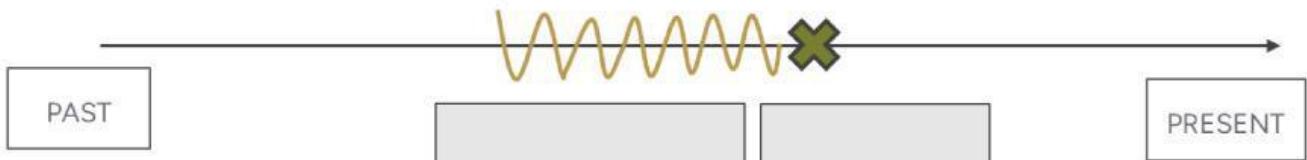


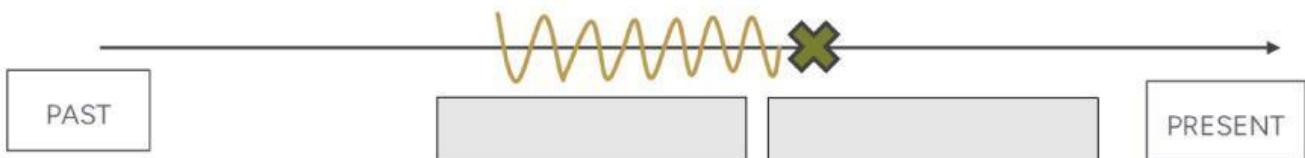
B2 - Past Perfect Continuous

1. Read the two sentences below and put the underlined actions in the correct order on the timeline.

A. I **had been washing** the car for two hours when it **started** to rain.



B. When I **saw** John, I could tell he **had been running**. His face was red and he was struggling to breathe.



- We use the Past Perfect Continuous to describe an action which was **finished / in progress** for some time before another action in the past.
- Past Perfect Continuous = had + **_____** + verb + **_____**
- When we use the Past Perfect Continuous, there are **always / never** two actions.
- We use **Past Simple / Past Perfect Continuous** (had + been + verb-ing) for the action which was in progress for some time and **Past Simple / Past Perfect Continuous** (2nd form) for the action that happened right after.

2. Fill in the gaps so the sentences are true for you. Use **Past Perfect Continuous** (*had + been + verb-ing*):

- I was very tired last night because I _____ for hours.
- I got a bad grade on the test because I _____ instead of studying.