

Past Perfect & Past Perfect Continuous

Quick Review

Memory Prompt:

- **Past Perfect (had + V3):** Focuses on the *result* of an action completed before another time in the past.
- **Past Perfect Continuous (had been + V-ing):** Focuses on the *duration* of an action that was happening up to a point in the past.

Match the sentence halves.

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| 1. I was completely exhausted because... | a. by the time we got to the cinema. |
| 2. The film had already started... | b. before the train finally arrived. |
| 3. When I checked my bag,... | c. I had been working in the garden all day. |
| 4. They had been waiting in the freezing cold for an hour... | d. until she visited the Carpathian Mountains. |
| 5. She had never seen snow... | e. I realised I had left my keys inside the flat. |
| 6. Oleh was breathless because... | f. he had been running to catch the bus. |
| 7. By the time Olena reached the station,... | g. her bus had already departed. |
| 8. The kitchen was a mess because... | h. the children had been baking a cake. |
| 9. He didn't want to see the film again because... | i. he had already watched it twice. |
| 10. My teacher was annoyed because... | j. I hadn't finished my homework on time. |

Choose the Correct Tense

Circle or tick the correct option to complete each sentence.

- 1.** When I woke up, the streets were covered in white. It _____ heavily all night.
a) had snowed b) had been snowing c) was snowing

- 2.** She _____ reading the book by the time she had to return it to the library.
a) hadn't been finishing b) didn't finish c) hadn't finished

- 3.** We _____ for hours when the car suddenly broke down on the motorway.
a) had been driving b) had driven c) drove

- 4.** By the time Olena reached the station, the train _____.
a) had been leaving b) had left c) was leaving

- 5.** He was very tired because he _____ all day in the garden.
a) had been working b) had worked c) worked

- 6.** By the time the police arrived, the burglars _____.
a) had been escaping b) had escaped c) were escaping

- 7.** The ground was wet because it _____ for several hours.
a) had been raining b) had rained c) was raining

- 8.** I was nervous because I _____ a speech in front of so many people before.
a) hadn't been giving b) hadn't given c) didn't give

- 9.** How long _____ for me before I finally showed up?
a) had you been waiting b) had you waited c) were you waiting

- 10.** Pavlo _____ his homework before his friends invited him out to play.
a) had been completing b) had completed c) has completed

A Disastrous Journey →

Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets. You must decide whether to use the **Past Simple**, **Past Perfect Simple**, or **Past Perfect Continuous**.

1. By the time we _____ (arrive) at the airport, the plane _____ (already / take) off.
2. Maksym's eyes were red because he _____ (play) video games for five hours.
3. I _____ (not / eat) anything all day, so I was absolutely starving by dinner time.
4. How long _____ (you / learn) English before you _____ (visit) London last summer?
5. Sarah _____ (be) really tired because she _____ (run) for over an hour.
6. They _____ (not / finish) their dinner when the waiter _____ (take) their plates away.
7. I _____ (recognise) the man because I _____ (see) his photo in the newspaper earlier.