

GRAMMAR

Past perfect simple

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1 ★☆☆ Match the pictures with the sentences.

- 0 When Evie got home, her dad had cooked the dinner.
- 1 When Evie got home, her dad cooked the dinner.
- 2 When our friends arrived at the cinema, the film started.
- 3 When our friends arrived at the cinema, the film had started.



2 ★☆☆ Match the parts of the sentences.

- 0 I recognised her face,
 - 1 They got to the theatre
 - 2 As soon as he closed the door,
 - 3 My laptop didn't switch on
 - 4 I didn't think I'd said anything funny,
 - 5 When the exam finished,
- a but he couldn't stop laughing.
 b because I'd forgotten to charge it.
 c I hadn't answered all the questions.
 d he knew he'd left his key inside.
 e ten minutes after the play had started.
 f but I couldn't remember where I'd met her.

3 ★★★ Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect of the verbs in the list.

do | have | not do | not see | not tidy | see | tidy

- 0 I didn't watch the film because I 'd seen it before.
- 1 Alicia didn't invite Patrick to the party because they _____ an argument the day before.
- 2 Claire's dad was angry with her because she _____ her bedroom.
- 3 I didn't have to clean the rabbit's cage because Joey _____ already _____ it.
- 4 The house was looking really clean because Mum and Dad _____ everything away.
- 5 Kim had to miss her break time because she _____ her homework.
- 6 The driver almost caused an accident because he _____ the red light.

4 ★★★ Complete the text with either the past simple or the past perfect of the verbs.

Talia⁰ had eaten (eat) one biscuit and was starting on her second when she¹ _____ (start) making strange noises. I² _____ (look) at her and I³ _____ (know) immediately that a large piece of her biscuit⁴ _____ (get) stuck in her throat. Then I⁵ _____ (remember) that years ago I⁶ _____ (attend) a first aid course and that they⁷ _____ (teach) us how to help someone in this situation. I⁸ _____ (run) around Talia,⁹ _____ (put) my arms around her waist,¹⁰ _____ (join) my hands together in front of her and¹¹ _____ (pull) as hard as I could. Then I¹² _____ (hear) a little cry from Talia and I¹³ _____ (knew) that the food¹⁴ _____ (come) out. Talia¹⁵ _____ (give) me a big hug. That first aid lesson¹⁶ _____ (probably save) her life.

Past perfect continuous

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5 ★☆☆ Put the words in order to make sentences.

0 been / hours / talking / we / for / had
We had been talking for hours.

1 been / to / they / me / hadn't / listening

2 waiting / long / you / how / had / been?

3 crying / had / morning / she / been / all

4 well / I / been / hadn't / very / feeling

5 had / been / how / it / raining / long?

Past perfect simple vs. past perfect continuous

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6 ★☆☆ Circle the correct words.

0 I was disappointed. I *had saved* / *had been saving* all year and I still didn't have enough money.

1 Dad *had cooked* / *had been cooking* all morning and the kitchen smelled great.

2 They *hadn't eaten* / *hadn't been eating* anything all day and they were really hungry.

3 Kit *had watched* / *had been watching* the film five times, but he still didn't really understand it.

4 We *had walked* / *had been walking* 30 km before we saw anyone.

5 Adriana failed the test because she *hadn't written* / *hadn't been writing* enough.

7 ★☆☆ Complete the text with the words in the list.

had been having | hadn't called | hadn't listened
 had been snowing | had been waiting
 hadn't been sleeping | had written

I⁰ *had been having* headaches for a week and I¹ _____ well, so my dad made an appointment for me to see the doctor. We took a taxi to the doctor's because it² _____ all morning.

We arrived at 3 pm and sat down. We

³ _____ for an hour and they still
⁴ _____ me when Dad went to talk to the receptionist. My appointment was for 2 pm!

Dad⁵ _____ properly on the phone and he⁶ _____ down the wrong time!

8 ★★★ Complete the sentences with the verbs. Use one past perfect simple form and one past perfect continuous form in each pair.

0 (spend)

A She didn't have any money left because she _____ *had spent* it all on a new dress.

B They *had been spending* too much money for years and now they had none left.

1 (play)

A He _____ only _____ football for five minutes when he broke his leg.

B The children _____ all the games in the house and now they were bored.

2 (drink)

A Jacob _____ four glasses of water and now he really needed the toilet.

B He _____ the cup of coffee for more than an hour and now it was cold.

3 (not look)

A Catrina _____ where she was going and that's why she crashed.

B She _____ at her diary that day and that's why she missed her appointment.

GET IT RIGHT!

Past perfect continuous vs. past continuous



Learners sometimes use the past continuous when the past perfect continuous is required.

✓ We *had been training* for weeks, but we lost.

✗ We *were training* for weeks, but we lost.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

0 I found his phone under the chair where he _____ *had been sitting* (sit).

1 We met by accident when she _____ (walk) her dog.

2 When I saw him, he _____ (carry) a backpack.

3 I _____ (wait) for hours, so I was very happy when he called.

4 I _____ (work) all day, so I decided to go out.

5 He _____ (talk) on his phone when the fire alarm went off.