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1. She (wait) _____ for over an hour before the bus arrived.
2. By the time we got to the cinema, the movie (already / start) _____.
3. They (work) _____ on the project for days before they finally finished it.
4. I (study) _____ English for three years before I moved to an English-speaking country.
5. He (cook) _____ dinner when his friends arrived.

Exercise 2: Rewrite the sentences using the past perfect simple or continuous tense.

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Exercise 3: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the past perfect simple or continuous tense.

1. When I arrived at the party, everyone (leave) _____.
2. By the time the concert started, the band (practice) _____ for hours.
3. She (travel) _____ around the world before she settled in this city.
4. They (wait) _____ for the results for weeks before they received the news.
5. He (work) _____ at that company for five years before he got promoted.

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 - They _____ for hours before the train finally _____.
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 - By the time she _____ the marathon, she _____ exhausted.
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