

Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the past perfect simple or continuous tense of the verbs in brackets.

1. Before she retired, she (work) _____ at the same company for 30 years.
2. They (wait) _____ for the train for an hour before it finally arrived.
3. By the time I got home, my family (already / have) _____ dinner.
4. He (study) _____ for the test all week before he felt ready.
5. They (play) _____ tennis all morning before it started to rain.

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

1. Before she retired, she had worked at the same company for 30 years.
2. They had been waiting for the train for an hour before it finally arrived.
3. By the time I got home, my family had already had dinner.
4. He had been studying for the test all week before he felt ready.
5. They had been playing tennis all morning before it started to rain.

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

1. The movie had already (start) _____ when we got to the theater.
2. By the time she finished her presentation, the audience (fall) _____ asleep.
3. He (write) _____ poetry for many years before he published his first book.
4. They were tired because they (work) _____ all day long.
5. I was sad because I (lose) _____ my favorite book.

Exercise 4: Rewrite the sentences in past perfect simple or continuous tense.

- They _____ English for two years before they _____ to an English-speaking country.
- By the time we arrived, they _____ all the pizza.
- She _____ dinner for an hour before her guests _____.
- The team _____ hard before they _____ the championship.
- He _____ to many countries before he _____ down.

Exercise 5: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the past perfect simple or continuous tense of the verbs in brackets.

1. By the time they arrived, the party (already / start) _____.
2. When I entered the room, they (have) _____ a discussion.

3. They (play) _____ tennis for years before they joined the professional league.
4. I was tired because I (work) _____ all day.
5. She (study) _____ English for months before she took the proficiency exam.

Exercise 6: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the past perfect simple or continuous tense.

1. The guests had already (arrive) _____ when we got to the party.
2. When they finally got home, they realized they (lose) _____ their keys.
3. He (practice) _____ for hours before he played the song perfectly.
4. We were hungry because we (not / eat) _____ all day.
5. By the time I arrived, they (finish) _____ the project.

Exercise 7: Rewrite the sentences in past perfect simple or continuous tense.

- She _____ in that city for five years before she _____ to the countryside.
- They _____ on the project all night before they _____ it.
- By the time she _____ the marathon, she _____ exhausted.
- He _____ that book three times before he _____ it to me.
- I _____ for the bus for 20 minutes when it finally _____.

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

1. The movie had already started when we got to the theater.
2. By the time she finished her presentation, the audience had fallen asleep.
3. He had been writing poetry for many years before he published his first book.
4. They were tired because they had been working all day long.
5. I was sad because I had lost my favorite book.

Exercise 5: Rewrite the sentences in past perfect simple or continuous tense.

1. They had studied English for two years before they moved to an English-speaking country.
 - They had studied English for two years before they moved to an English-speaking country.
2. By the time we arrived, they had already eaten all the pizza.
 - By the time we arrived, they had already eaten all the pizza.
3. She had been cooking dinner for an hour before her guests arrived.
 - She had been cooking dinner for an hour before her guests arrived.
4. The team had been practicing hard before they won the championship.
 - The team had been practicing hard before they won the championship.
5. He had traveled to many countries before he settled down.
 - He had traveled to many countries before he settled down.

Exercise 6: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the past perfect simple or continuous tense of the verbs in brackets.

1. By the time they arrived, the party had already started.
2. When I entered the room, they had been having a discussion.
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5. She had been studying English for months before she took the proficiency exam.

Exercise 8: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the past perfect simple or continuous tense.

1. The guests had already arrived when we got to the party.
2. When they finally got home, they realized they had lost their keys.
3. He had been practicing for hours before he played the song perfectly.
4. We were hungry because we had not eaten all day.
5. By the time I arrived, they had finished the project.

Exercise 10: Rewrite the sentences in past perfect simple or continuous tense.

1. She had lived in that city for five years before she moved to the countryside.
 - She had lived in that city for five years before she moved to the countryside.
2. They had been working on the project all night before they submitted it.
 - They had been working on the project all night before they submitted it.
3. By the time she finished the marathon, she was exhausted.
 - By the time she finished the marathon, she was exhausted.
4. He had read that book three times before he lent it to me.
 - He had read that book three times before he lent it to me.
5. I had been waiting for the bus for 20 minutes when it finally arrived.
 - I had been waiting for the bus for 20 minutes when it finally arrived.