

Complete the following sentences using past perfect continuous:

1. How long _____ (work) in Madrid before you found your new job?
2. She _____ (not learn) English for a long time, when she decided to learn another language.
3. I _____ (run) for a long time, when I had to stop because I felt really tired.
4. She _____ (smoke) for three years. However, she didn't realise how dangerous it was until she got ill.
5. She couldn't hand our project on time, although she _____ (work) on it for several weeks.
6. My sister and her boyfriend _____ (argue) for two hours until they finally got relaxed and talked about it calmly.
7. Spain _____ (hope) to win the Soccer World Cup. They finally got it in 2010.
8. I _____ (wait) two years until I had money to buy a new car.
9. The baby _____ (eat) chocolate. For that reason, his face was so dirty.
10. She _____ (play) the piano for two hours when the neighbours finally knocked her door to ask her to stop. It was very late and they wanted to sleep.

1. She _____ (have been studying) English for three years before she moved to an English-speaking country.
2. They _____ (have been working) on the project all day before they finally completed it.
3. By the time I arrived, they _____ (have been waiting) for over an hour.
4. He _____ (have been living) in New York for five years before he decided to move to California.
5. Before the concert started, the band _____ (have been rehearsing) for weeks.
6. They _____ (have been traveling) around Europe for two months before they returned home.
7. By the time we got to the theater, the play _____ (have been running) for three hours.
8. She _____ (have been practicing) the piano for hours before she gave her recital.
9. Before he retired, he _____ (have been working) as a teacher for 30 years.
10. They _____ (have been saving) money for a long time before they could afford to buy a house.
11. By the time they arrived at the party, most of the food _____ (have been eaten).
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16. She _____ (have been waiting) at the bus stop for 30 minutes before the bus finally arrived.

17. Before the guests arrived, the hosts _____ (have been decorating) the house all day.
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