

Past Perfect Continuous – Worksheet 1

Exercise 1: Cloze Task – Past Perfect or Past Perfect Continuous

Instructions: Complete the sentences with the correct **Past Perfect** or **Past Perfect Continuous** form of the verb in brackets.

1. By the time we got to the airport, the plane _____ (**take off**).
2. She was exhausted because she _____ (**work**) all day.
3. He didn't recognize her because she _____ (**change**) a lot since the last time they met.
4. They _____ (**wait**) for over an hour before the bus arrived.
5. I was really hungry because I _____ (**not eat**) all day.
6. When we arrived at the party, Tom _____ (**already/leave**).
7. He failed the exam because he _____ (**not study**) enough.
8. We _____ (**drive**) for six hours when we finally stopped for a break.
9. The road was wet because it _____ (**rain**) all morning.
10. By the time I found my keys, we _____ (**miss**) the train.

Exercise 2: Error Correction – Past Perfect vs. Past Perfect Continuous

Instructions: Each sentence contains **one mistake** related to the **Past Perfect** or **Past Perfect Continuous**. **Find and correct** the mistake. Two sentences allow both tenses.

1. She **had been knowing** him for years before they got married.
2. When I arrived, they **had been left** already.
3. He was tired because he **had been running** five kilometers that morning.
4. I was happy because I **had been winning** the competition.
5. She was upset because they **had been telling** her the bad news.
6. We were late because the car **had been breaking down** on the way.
7. When I arrived at the hotel, I found out that they **had been losing** my reservation.
8. They **had been living / had lived** in Spain for ten years before they moved to France.
9. He **had been working / had worked** at the same company before he got promoted.
10. I was wet because I **had been walking** in the rain for over an hour.