



## Past Perfect Worksheet 2 - ANSWERS

### Exercise 1: Conversation – Past Simple or Past Perfect? (Answers in Bold, Explanations in Brackets)

**Tom:** Hey Lisa, did you enjoy the wedding yesterday?

**Lisa:** Yeah, it was great! But we **arrived** late because John **had forgotten** the invitation at home, so we **had to go back** and get it. ✓ (Forgetting happened before arriving.)

**Tom:** Oh no! What time did you get there?

**Lisa:** We **got** there at 3:30 PM, but by then, the ceremony **had started** and the couple **had said** their vows! ✓ (The ceremony and vows happened before their arrival.)

**Tom:** That's a shame! The venue was beautiful, wasn't it?

**Lisa:** Yes! I **had never seen** such a lovely place before. And the food was amazing! I **ate** way too much. ✓ (Seeing the place happened before that day.)

**Tom:** Me too! I **tried** everything. My favorite was the chocolate cake.

**Lisa:** Oh, I didn't get any! By the time I **went** to the dessert table, it **had been** all gone. ✓ (Being gone happened before Lisa got there.)

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### Exercise 2: Multiple Choice – Past Perfect or Past Perfect Continuous? (Answers)

1. When we got to the airport, the plane (**A: had already taken off**). ✓ (Past Perfect because the action was completed before arrival.)
2. She was exhausted because she (**B: had been working**) all day. ✓ (Past Perfect Continuous because the action continued for some time before she was exhausted.)
3. I didn't recognize her because she (**A: had changed**) so much. ✓ (Past Perfect because "changing" is a completed action before recognition.)
4. They (**B: had been waiting**) for over an hour before the bus arrived. ✓ (Past Perfect Continuous because waiting was an ongoing action before the bus came.)
5. By the time I got to the cinema, the movie (**A: had started**). ✓ (Past Perfect because the movie started before I arrived.)
6. He failed the exam because he (**B: hadn't been studying**) enough. ✓ (Past Perfect Continuous because studying is a continuous process.)

7. We (**B: had been driving**) for six hours when we finally arrived at the hotel. ✓  
(*Past Perfect Continuous because driving was an ongoing action.*)
  8. She was upset because her brother (**A: had taken**) her phone without asking. ✓  
(*Past Perfect because "taking" was a completed action.*)
  9. The road was wet because it (**B: had been raining**) all morning. ✓ (*Past Perfect Continuous because rain was continuous before the moment described.*)
  10. He (**B: had been practicing**) for months before the big concert. ✓ (*Past Perfect Continuous because practicing was an ongoing action.*)
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## Key Takeaways

### ✓ Past Perfect (had + past participle)

- ✓ Used to show that **one past action happened before another past action** (*I had finished my work before she arrived.*)
- ✓ Used with "**by the time,**" "**before,**" "**already,**" "**never,**" etc. (*By the time we arrived, the movie had started.*)
- ✓ Often used to **explain reasons for past actions** (*He was nervous because he had never spoken in public before.*)

### ✓ Past Perfect Continuous (had been + verb-ing)

- ✓ Used to show an **ongoing past action that was happening before another past action** (*She had been working all day before she finally took a break.*)
- ✓ Used for **longer actions leading up to a past event** (*He had been practicing for months before the big concert.*)
- ✓ Often used with "**for,**" "**since,**" "**how long,**" etc. (*They had been waiting for over an hour before the bus arrived.*)