Past perfect continuous

La forma completa: had been + -ing

Escribe tres palabras: had + been + el verbo en -ing. La primera frase nombra el verbo. La segunda sitúa la actividad antes de otro momento pasado. No contraigas had. Añade -ing. Quita la e muda: write → writing. Run, swim, shop, plan, dig, cut, knit y mop duplican la consonante final. En inglés americano escribimos traveling con una l.

Ejemplo resuelto

I serve meals. I ____ lunch when the bus arrived. → I serve meals. I had been serving lunch when the bus arrived.

Sirvo comidas. Había estado sirviendo el almuerzo cuando llegó el autobús.

Escribe had been + el verbo de la primera frase en -ing, sin contracciones.

01. I teach dance. I _____ for years before I opened my studio.

02. We pack donations. We _____ blankets before the driver came.

03. She runs after school. She _____ before she stopped for a drink.

04. They build boats. They _____ this one before the workshop moved.

05. We play tennis. We _____ for an hour when the rain started.

06. You practice the flute. You _____ before your neighbor came to visit.

07. He searches old records. He _____ them before he found our family name.

08. I polish shoes. I _____ Dad's before he came to collect them.

09. I serve meals. I _____ lunch when the school bus arrived.

10. I paint landscapes. I _____ the lake before the light faded.

11. I swim in the lake. I _____ before the lifeguard called me back.

12. We sing at school events. We _____ before the principal thanked us.

13. She plans trips. She _____ ours before the airline changed its schedule.

14. Grandma knits scarves. She _____ one when the doorbell rang.

15. She reviews books. She _____ this one before the editor called.

16. I walk to work. I _____ for twenty minutes when it began to rain.

17. We climb hills on weekends. We _____ for hours when the fog came.

18. She mops floors. She _____ this one before the supervisor came.

19. Dad cooks for the shelter. He _____ soup before the volunteers arrived.

20. I call customers. I _____ them all morning before my break.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Escribe had been + el verbo de la primera frase en -ing, sin contracciones.

21. We feed the animals. We _____ the goats before the visitors arrived.

22. He learns languages. He _____ German before he moved to Berlin.

23. She works at the market. She _____ since dawn when I met her.

24. I organize school events. I _____ the fair before I fell ill.

25. He prints posters. He _____ ours when the printer stopped.

26. The boys kick a ball around. They _____ it before the coach called them.

27. We measure windows. We _____ yours before we ordered the curtains.

28. They sort donations. They _____ clothes before the charity van came.

29. They clean hotels. They _____ this one before the season began.

30. Dad fishes by the lake. He _____ before it started to snow.

31. He repairs watches. He _____ mine before the power failed.

32. They draw animals. They _____ horses before the teacher collected their work.

33. We look for shells. We _____ for them on the beach before the tide came in.

34. She delivers groceries. She _____ orders before the storm began.

35. She reads on the train. She _____ when the conductor checked her ticket.

36. He waits for trains here. He _____ forty minutes when his train arrived.

37. She drives delivery vans. She _____ since six when we stopped.

38. They talk about sports. They _____ about soccer before I joined them.

39. We bake cakes. We _____ for hours when the store opened.

40. I cut vegetables. I _____ carrots before Mom asked for the knife.

Soluciones

Frases con el hueco completado. La respuesta aparece en negrita.

01. I **had been teaching** for years before I opened my studio.
02. We **had been packing** blankets before the driver came.
03. She **had been running** before she stopped for a drink.
04. They **had been building** this one before the workshop moved.
05. We **had been playing** for an hour when the rain started.
06. You **had been practicing** before your neighbor came to visit.
07. He **had been searching** them before he found our family name.
08. I **had been polishing** Dad's before he came to collect them.
09. I **had been serving** lunch when the school bus arrived.
10. I **had been painting** the lake before the light faded.
11. I **had been swimming** before the lifeguard called me back.
12. We **had been singing** before the principal thanked us.
13. She **had been planning** ours before the airline changed its schedule.
14. She **had been knitting** one when the doorbell rang.
15. She **had been reviewing** this one before the editor called.
16. I **had been walking** for twenty minutes when it began to rain.
17. We **had been climbing** for hours when the fog came.
18. She **had been mopping** this one before the supervisor came.
19. He **had been cooking** soup before the volunteers arrived.
20. I **had been calling** them all morning before my break.
21. We **had been feeding** the goats before the visitors arrived.
22. He **had been learning** German before he moved to Berlin.
23. She **had been working** since dawn when I met her.
24. I **had been organizing** the fair before I fell ill.
25. He **had been printing** ours when the printer stopped.
26. They **had been kicking** it before the coach called them.
27. We **had been measuring** yours before we ordered the curtains.
28. They **had been sorting** clothes before the charity van came.
29. They **had been cleaning** this one before the season began.
30. He **had been fishing** before it started to snow.
31. He **had been repairing** mine before the power failed.
32. They **had been drawing** horses before the teacher collected their work.
33. We **had been looking** for them on the beach before the tide came in.
34. She **had been delivering** orders before the storm began.
35. She **had been reading** when the conductor checked her ticket.
36. He **had been waiting** forty minutes when his train arrived.
37. She **had been driving** since six when we stopped.
38. They **had been talking** about soccer before I joined them.
39. We **had been baking** for hours when the store opened.
40. I **had been cutting** carrots before Mom asked for the knife.