Past continuous or past perfect continuous

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Para contar una actividad que llevaba un tiempo ocurriendo antes de otro momento pasado usamos had + been + verbo en -ing. Had no cambia con la persona. La actividad podía seguir entonces o haber parado poco antes y dejar señales, como cansancio. No significa siempre que hubiera terminado. Been y el verbo en -ing ya están escritos.

Ejemplo resuelto

I ____ been walking for hours when I reached the village. → I had been walking for hours when I reached the village.

Llevaba horas caminando cuando llegué al pueblo.

Completa el auxiliar que falta con had.

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03. Grandma _____ been baking, and the kitchen smelled of bread.

04. You _____ been chopping wood, so your arms were tired.

05. Dad _____ been driving for six hours when we stopped for lunch.

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07. They _____ been studying all week before the quiz.

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11. Anna _____ been practicing for months before her first performance.

12. You _____ been helping at the shelter before you moved away.

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14. The choir _____ been rehearsing for weeks before the concert.

15. The dog _____ been digging, so there was soil on its paws.

16. The team _____ been training all winter before the final.

17. I _____ been hiking for hours when I reached the cabin.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Completa el auxiliar que falta con had.

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22. He _____ been swimming, so his hair was wet.

23. I _____ been answering emails all morning before the meeting.

24. Tom _____ been talking for a long time when his voice became hoarse.

25. I _____ been cooking all afternoon before the guests arrived.

26. The mechanic _____ been repairing the van before the shop closed.

27. She _____ been learning to drive before she took the test.

28. The volunteers _____ been sorting donations all morning before lunch.

29. Dad _____ been sanding the table, and the floor was covered in dust.

30. Mom _____ been sewing for an hour when the needle broke.

31. They _____ been fishing since dawn when the boat returned.

32. You _____ been carrying boxes, so your shoulders hurt.

33. The workers _____ been building the wall before the storm began.

34. The children _____ been drawing when the lesson ended.

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Soluciones

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

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