Past continuous or past perfect continuous

Dos estructuras: was, were o had

Was o were + verbo en -ing describe una actividad en aquel momento pasado. Had + been + verbo en -ing mira hacia el periodo anterior. Esa actividad podía continuar o acabar de parar. Con I, he, she e it usamos was; con you, we y they, were. Had sirve para todas las personas. Fíjate en si been ya está escrito.

Ejemplo resuelto

She ____ been running, so she was out of breath. → She had been running, so she was out of breath.

Había estado corriendo, así que estaba sin aliento.

Escribe solo el primer auxiliar: was, were o had.

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03. The girls _____ practicing their dance when I opened the door.

04. Anna _____ locking her bicycle when I saw her.

05. They _____ been camping for a week when the weather changed.

06. The boys _____ been skating before they came home.

07. It _____ raining when we left the station.

08. She _____ been teaching for hours when her voice began to fail.

09. The dog _____ barking at the gate when I arrived.

10. Grandma _____ been knitting all afternoon before the visitors came.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Escribe solo el primer auxiliar: was, were o had.

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25. She _____ been saving for months before she bought the bike.

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27. He _____ been cooking, and the kitchen was still warm.

28. He _____ washing his hands when the tap stopped working.

29. It _____ been snowing overnight, and the road was white.

30. We _____ playing badminton when a bird landed nearby.

31. The children _____ sharing their snacks when the bell rang.

32. Dad _____ been sawing wood, and there was dust on his jacket.

33. They _____ buying fruit when the market closed.

34. We _____ been walking since sunrise when we reached the lake.

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Soluciones

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

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