Past continuous or past perfect continuous

Duración anterior: for o since

For dice cuánto duró la actividad: for two hours, durante dos horas. Since dice cuándo empezó: since Monday, desde el lunes; since I arrived, desde que llegué. Con had been + -ing ese periodo llega hasta otro momento pasado. No confundas for an hour, durante una hora, con since one o'clock, desde la una.

Ejemplo resuelto

We had been waiting ____ ten minutes when the bus came. → We had been waiting for ten minutes when the bus came.

Llevábamos diez minutos esperando cuando llegó el autobús.

Completa con for o since según la expresión de tiempo.

01. The show was canceled on Friday. They had been rehearsing _____ the new term began.

02. You had been traveling _____ a week when you reached Rome.

03. Mom had been sewing _____ noon when the machine broke.

04. They had been waiting _____ a long time before the gate opened.

05. He had been serving customers _____ midnight when the café closed.

06. Mom had been cooking _____ six when the guests arrived.

07. I had been drawing _____ most of the morning before the bell rang.

08. The dog had been digging _____ a few minutes before we noticed.

09. He had been swimming _____ half an hour before his lesson ended.

10. She had been teaching there _____ September when I joined.

11. She had been practicing _____ January when the contest opened.

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14. The volunteers had been sorting clothes _____ three hours when lunch arrived.

15. Tom had been typing _____ an hour when the computer froze.

16. We had been cleaning _____ lunchtime when the teacher checked the room.

17. She had been painting _____ dawn when the owner arrived.

18. I called Dad at seven. He had been repairing the radio _____ he got home.

19. We had been waiting _____ twenty minutes when the train arrived.

20. I returned at noon. Mom had been baking _____ I left home.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Completa con for o since según la expresión de tiempo.

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22. We had been looking for the keys _____ ages when we found them.

23. I had been packing _____ half the afternoon before the taxi arrived.

24. She won her first prize at ten. She had been dancing _____ she was six.

25. Grandma had been knitting _____ two hours before lunch.

26. You had been helping _____ several days before the shelter reopened.

27. He had been working there _____ 2020 when the store closed.

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30. They had been building the wall _____ sunrise when I saw them.

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34. I had been reading _____ forty minutes when the lamp went out.

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36. I had been running _____ ten minutes when my knee began to hurt.

37. She met us at noon. She had been shopping _____ the stores opened.

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Soluciones

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

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