Completed actions, duration and results

For o since para medir la duración

For dice cuánto duró una actividad: for two hours, durante dos horas. Since dice cuándo empezó: since nine, desde las nueve; since Monday, desde el lunes. En estos relatos, had been + -ing mira hacia la actividad que llevaba un tiempo ocurriendo antes de aquel momento pasado. Mira si lo que sigue al hueco es una cantidad de tiempo o el punto de inicio.

Ejemplo resuelto

When Mom arrived, I had been reading ____ an hour. → When Mom arrived, I had been reading for an hour.

Cuando llegó mamá, llevaba una hora leyendo.

Completa con for o since según la expresión de tiempo.

01. She knew the song well. She had been singing it _____ several weeks.

02. We were glad to rest. We had been cycling _____ ninety minutes.

03. She was tired. She had been working _____ six hours.

04. Tom's hands were muddy. He had been digging _____ forty minutes.

05. The path was wet. It had been raining _____ dawn.

06. At five, the children had been playing _____ noon.

07. By Friday, we had been practicing _____ Monday.

08. We were hungry. We had been traveling _____ the whole day.

09. His feet hurt. He had been walking _____ forty minutes.

10. Before the rain stopped, it had been falling _____ midnight.

11. When I got home, my neighbor had been drilling _____ eight.

12. We were cold. We had been swimming _____ half an hour.

13. Dad was out of breath. He had been running _____ twenty minutes.

14. When we stopped, we had been hiking _____ an hour and a half.

15. By Tuesday, it had been snowing _____ Sunday.

16. By December, they had been saving _____ January.

17. At closing time, the baker had been baking _____ early morning.

18. I was ready for a break. I had been drawing _____ three hours.

19. At six, Dad had been repairing the fence _____ noon.

20. Tom needed a break. He had been driving _____ three hours.

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

21. Our arms hurt. We had been carrying boxes _____ half an hour.

22. The dancers sat down. They had been rehearsing _____ four hours.

23. By August, I had been learning Spanish _____ March.

24. When the guests arrived, Mom had been cleaning _____ nine.

25. At three, the workers had been painting _____ ten that morning.

26. Her legs hurt. She had been dancing _____ two hours.

27. Before dinner, Grandma had been sewing _____ lunchtime.

28. When we met, Leo had been looking for his keys _____ breakfast.

29. When the phone rang, I had been typing _____ six.

30. By noon, I had been reading _____ two hours.

31. Before lunch, Mom had been cooking _____ eight in the morning.

32. The teacher needed water. She had been teaching _____ five hours.

33. By summer, we had been planning the trip _____ Christmas.

34. Mia's hands ached. She had been knitting _____ two hours.

35. When Dad arrived, we had been waiting _____ nine o'clock.

36. When class ended, Anna had been studying _____ breakfast.

37. Her throat hurt. She had been talking _____ an hour.

38. His shoes were wet. He had been fishing _____ three hours.

39. When the bus came, I had been standing in line _____ seven.

40. The baby was asleep at last. She had been crying _____ ten minutes.

Soluciones

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

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