Review of past tenses

Had been más -ing: actividad anterior

Had been + verbo en -ing presenta una actividad que llevaba un tiempo en marcha antes de un momento pasado: I had been working for an hour when Tom arrived, llevaba una hora trabajando cuando llegó Tom. Puede seguir o haber terminado poco antes. Usa la acción de la primera frase: make, making; run, running; swim, swimming. Aquí usamos traveling y practicing.

Ejemplo resuelto

I work in the garden. I had been ____ for an hour when it rained. → I work in the garden. I had been working for an hour when it rained.

Trabajo en el jardín. Llevaba una hora trabajando cuando empezó a llover.

Completa solo con la forma en -ing del verbo de la primera frase.

01. Tom dances with Anna. Tom had been _____ with Anna for half an hour when the music stopped.

02. I write reports. I had been _____ reports for an hour when the boss called.

03. We paint walls. We had been _____ walls for three hours when it began to rain.

04. Mom prepares lunch. Mom had been _____ lunch for half an hour when the guests arrived.

05. I cook rice. I had been _____ rice for twenty minutes when the power went out.

06. We print photos at home. We had been _____ photos for an hour when we ran out of paper.

07. Mom bakes bread. Mom had been _____ bread for two hours when the timer beeped.

08. I work in the garden. I had been _____ in the garden all morning when it started to rain.

09. We learn new songs. We had been _____ new songs for an hour when our teacher asked us to stop.

10. I play tennis. I had been _____ tennis for an hour when it started to rain.

11. Dad sends emails at work. Dad had been _____ emails for half an hour when his computer crashed.

12. I teach French. I had been _____ French all morning when the fire alarm rang.

13. Dad repairs bikes. Dad had been _____ bikes all morning when his customer called.

14. I drive vans. I had been _____ a van for three hours when I reached the rest stop.

15. I travel by train. I had been _____ by train for six hours when I reached Denver.

16. We take photos of birds. We had been _____ photos of birds for half an hour when a hawk appeared.

17. Anna reads comics. Anna had been _____ comics for twenty minutes when her brother came in.

18. Leo carries boxes at work. Leo had been _____ boxes for an hour when his supervisor called.

19. Anna speaks Spanish. Anna had been _____ Spanish all afternoon when her English-speaking friend arrived.

20. Anna plants trees. Anna had been _____ trees for two hours when a storm began.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Completa solo con la forma en -ing del verbo de la primera frase.

21. Tom makes soup. Tom had been _____ soup for an hour when the doorbell rang.

22. Anna cleans windows. Anna had been _____ windows for an hour when her sister came home.

23. We move chairs for events. We had been _____ chairs for half an hour when the guests arrived.

24. Tom swims laps. Tom had been _____ laps for forty minutes when the pool closed.

25. We sing together. We had been _____ together for an hour when the conductor took a break.

26. We run laps. We had been _____ laps for half an hour when the coach blew the whistle.

27. Dad walks the dog. Dad had been _____ the dog for forty minutes when it began to rain.

28. Mom practices the piano. Mom had been _____ the piano for forty minutes when her neighbor knocked.

29. We grow tomatoes. We had been _____ tomatoes for three months when the gardener visited.

30. Leo sails boats. Leo had been _____ a boat for two hours when the wind dropped.

31. I build models. I had been _____ models for two hours when my friend knocked.

32. I sort books at the library. I had been _____ books for two hours when the library closed.

33. Anna packs bags for trips. Anna had been _____ bags for forty minutes when the taxi arrived.

34. Mom looks for old coins. Mom had been _____ for old coins for two hours when she found a Roman coin.

35. We wash dishes. We had been _____ dishes for twenty minutes when the phone rang.

36. Mom rides horses. Mom had been _____ a horse for two hours when it started to snow.

37. I climb hills. I had been _____ a hill for an hour when fog covered the path.

38. Leo draws birds. Leo had been _____ birds for half an hour when his teacher arrived.

39. Dad studies Italian. Dad had been _____ Italian for six months when he took his language test.

40. We wait for the bus here. We had been _____ for the bus for twenty minutes when the driver finally arrived.

Soluciones

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

01. Tom had been **dancing** with Anna for half an hour when the music stopped.
02. I had been **writing** reports for an hour when the boss called.
03. We had been **painting** walls for three hours when it began to rain.
04. Mom had been **preparing** lunch for half an hour when the guests arrived.
05. I had been **cooking** rice for twenty minutes when the power went out.
06. We had been **printing** photos for an hour when we ran out of paper.
07. Mom had been **baking** bread for two hours when the timer beeped.
08. I had been **working** in the garden all morning when it started to rain.
09. We had been **learning** new songs for an hour when our teacher asked us to stop.
10. I had been **playing** tennis for an hour when it started to rain.
11. Dad had been **sending** emails for half an hour when his computer crashed.
12. I had been **teaching** French all morning when the fire alarm rang.
13. Dad had been **repairing** bikes all morning when his customer called.
14. I had been **driving** a van for three hours when I reached the rest stop.
15. I had been **traveling** by train for six hours when I reached Denver.
16. We had been **taking** photos of birds for half an hour when a hawk appeared.
17. Anna had been **reading** comics for twenty minutes when her brother came in.
18. Leo had been **carrying** boxes for an hour when his supervisor called.
19. Anna had been **speaking** Spanish all afternoon when her English-speaking friend arrived.
20. Anna had been **planting** trees for two hours when a storm began.
21. Tom had been **making** soup for an hour when the doorbell rang.
22. Anna had been **cleaning** windows for an hour when her sister came home.
23. We had been **moving** chairs for half an hour when the guests arrived.
24. Tom had been **swimming** laps for forty minutes when the pool closed.
25. We had been **singing** together for an hour when the conductor took a break.
26. We had been **running** laps for half an hour when the coach blew the whistle.
27. Dad had been **walking** the dog for forty minutes when it began to rain.
28. Mom had been **practicing** the piano for forty minutes when her neighbor knocked.
29. We had been **growing** tomatoes for three months when the gardener visited.
30. Leo had been **sailing** a boat for two hours when the wind dropped.
31. I had been **building** models for two hours when my friend knocked.
32. I had been **sorting** books for two hours when the library closed.
33. Anna had been **packing** bags for forty minutes when the taxi arrived.
34. Mom had been **looking** for old coins for two hours when she found a Roman coin.
35. We had been **washing** dishes for twenty minutes when the phone rang.
36. Mom had been **riding** a horse for two hours when it started to snow.
37. I had been **climbing** a hill for an hour when fog covered the path.
38. Leo had been **drawing** birds for half an hour when his teacher arrived.
39. Dad had been **studying** Italian for six months when he took his language test.
40. We had been **waiting** for the bus for twenty minutes when the driver finally arrived.