Review of past tenses

Repaso: la forma principal en los cuatro tiempos

Usa el verbo de la primera frase. Sin auxiliar, y con un momento terminado, escribe past simple. Después de was o were escribe -ing. Después de had escribe el participio. Después de had been vuelve a escribir -ing: esta estructura presenta una actividad anterior que llevaba un tiempo en marcha. Los auxiliares necesarios ya están escritos. Aquí usamos las formas americanas learned, traveled, practiced, traveling y practicing.

Ejemplo resuelto

I swim at the pool. I was ____ when the lights went out. → I swim at the pool. I was swimming when the lights went out.

Nado en la piscina. Estaba nadando cuando se fue la luz.

Completa solo la forma del verbo principal de la primera frase.

01. We wait for the bus here. Before the taxi came, we had already _____ for the bus.

02. Mom bakes bread. Mom was _____ bread when the timer beeped.

03. Dad studies Italian. Dad was _____ Italian when his phone rang.

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

05. Dad sends emails at work. Dad was _____ emails when his computer crashed.

06. I climb hills. On our trip last May, I _____ a hill.

07. We wash dishes. Before our guests came, we had already _____ dishes.

08. We sing together. Before the conductor left, we had already _____ together.

09. I sort books at the library. At the library yesterday, I _____ books.

10. We run laps. Before the coach ended the session, we had already _____ laps.

11. We move chairs for events. Before the concert began, we had already _____ chairs.

12. I cook rice. Last night, I _____ rice.

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

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

15. Tom swims laps. Tom was _____ laps when the pool closed.

16. We take photos of birds. By the end of that birdwatching trip, we had already _____ photos of birds.

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

18. I work in the garden. Last Sunday morning, I _____ in the garden.

19. I teach French. Last Wednesday, I _____ French.

20. Anna reads comics. Anna was _____ comics when her brother came in.

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

21. We learn new songs. Before the concert began, we had already _____ new songs.

22. We grow tomatoes. Before we moved away, we had already _____ tomatoes.

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

24. Leo sails boats. Leo was _____ a boat when the wind dropped.

25. I play tennis. On Sunday, I _____ tennis.

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

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

28. Dad walks the dog. Dad was _____ the dog when it began to rain.

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

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

31. I drive vans. On that trip in 2024, I _____ a van.

32. I build models. Last Saturday, I _____ models.

33. I write reports. Yesterday, I _____ reports.

34. We print photos at home. Before the printer broke, we had already _____ photos.

35. Tom dances with Anna. Tom was _____ with Anna when the music stopped.

36. Dad repairs bikes. Dad was _____ bikes when his customer called.

37. We paint walls. Before the room was inspected, we had already _____ walls.

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

39. Leo carries boxes at work. Leo was _____ boxes when his supervisor called.

40. I travel by train. On my trip last March, I _____ by train.

Soluciones

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

01. Before the taxi came, we had already **waited** for the bus.
02. Mom was **baking** bread when the timer beeped.
03. Dad was **studying** Italian when his phone rang.
04. Anna had been **cleaning** windows for an hour when her sister came home.
05. Dad was **sending** emails when his computer crashed.
06. On our trip last May, I **climbed** a hill.
07. Before our guests came, we had already **washed** dishes.
08. Before the conductor left, we had already **sung** together.
09. At the library yesterday, I **sorted** books.
10. Before the coach ended the session, we had already **run** laps.
11. Before the concert began, we had already **moved** chairs.
12. Last night, I **cooked** rice.
13. Anna had been **planting** trees for two hours when a storm began.
14. Anna had been **packing** bags for forty minutes when the taxi arrived.
15. Tom was **swimming** laps when the pool closed.
16. By the end of that birdwatching trip, we had already **taken** photos of birds.
17. Mom had been **looking** for old coins for two hours when she found a Roman coin.
18. Last Sunday morning, I **worked** in the garden.
19. Last Wednesday, I **taught** French.
20. Anna was **reading** comics when her brother came in.
21. Before the concert began, we had already **learned** new songs.
22. Before we moved away, we had already **grown** tomatoes.
23. Mom had been **riding** a horse for two hours when it started to snow.
24. Leo was **sailing** a boat when the wind dropped.
25. On Sunday, I **played** tennis.
26. Mom had been **practicing** the piano for forty minutes when her neighbor knocked.
27. Tom had been **making** soup for an hour when the doorbell rang.
28. Dad was **walking** the dog when it began to rain.
29. Leo had been **drawing** birds for half an hour when his teacher arrived.
30. Anna had been **speaking** Spanish all afternoon when her English-speaking friend arrived.
31. On that trip in 2024, I **drove** a van.
32. Last Saturday, I **built** models.
33. Yesterday, I **wrote** reports.
34. Before the printer broke, we had already **printed** photos.
35. Tom was **dancing** with Anna when the music stopped.
36. Dad was **repairing** bikes when his customer called.
37. Before the room was inspected, we had already **painted** walls.
38. Mom had been **preparing** lunch for half an hour when the guests arrived.
39. Leo was **carrying** boxes when his supervisor called.
40. On my trip last March, I **traveled** by train.