

# PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Вживається для вираження дій, що тривали якийсь час до певного моменту в минулому чи початку іншої дії в минулому.

**S + had been + Ving**

**We had been skiing for half an hour before it started snowing.**

## Exercise 1

**Make the sentences negative and interrogative.**

1. Brian had been trying to find a better job for three weeks.
2. Little Johnny had been riding his new bike all day yesterday.
3. Robert and Frank had been fixing that computer for two hours yesterday.
4. It had been raining all night last Tuesday.
5. Molly had been speaking on the phone for an hour yesterday evening.
6. The Smiths had been building their house for four years.
7. We had been skating for three hours yesterday.

# Wh-questions

**Wh-word + had + S + been + Ving?**

**What had he been doing before the concert began yesterday?**

**Who had been working in the garden since 3 o'clock last Monday?**

## Exercise 2

**Write the questions to the underlined words.**

1. We had been preparing for the Art Festival for a month.

2. Betty had been swimming in the pool for an hour before the rain started.

3. The boys had been eating hamburgers in the park yesterday.

4. Robert had been reading the article about new software for half an hour yesterday.

5. Helen had been speaking to her friend on the phone for two hours yesterday.

# REMEMBER

## Past Simple ВЖИВАЄТЬСЯ:

1) коли дія відбулась (і завершилась) у певний момент у минулому: She **washed** her hair half an hour ago.

2) коли дві або більше дій відбулись одна за одною послідовно та без великих інтервалів у часі: They **came** into a café, **sat down** at a table and **ordered** two coffees.

3) для описання станів та звичок у минулому: He **used to play** football / **played** football when he was a schoolboy.

4) якщо присудком у реченні виступають дієслова, які не вживаються у минулому тривалому часі, то вони вживаються у минулому неозначеному часі:

We **agreed** to help her.

# REMEMBER

## Past Continuous ВЖИВАЄТЬСЯ:

1) коли дія тривала у певний момент у минулому: She **was washing** the dishes at 6 o'clock yesterday.

2) коли дві або більше дій тривали одночасно у минулому: While she **was washing** the dishes, her husband **was drying** them.

3) коли одна дія тривала у минулому, а інша її перервала: He **was watching** TV when his friend phoned.

# REMEMBER

## Past Perfect ВЖИВАЄТЬСЯ:

1) якщо дія завершилась до певного моменту в минулому: We **had come** home by 8 o'clock yesterday.

2) якщо дія завершилась до початку іншої дії в минулому: They **had returned** home before the film began.

### Compare:

We reached the hotel and the rain started. (послідовні дії)

We reached the hotel after the rain had started. (перша дія: the rain had started; друга дія: we reached the hotel)

# REMEMBER

## Past Perfect Continuous

ВЖИВАЄТЬСЯ:

1) якщо дія тривала якийсь час до певного моменту чи до початку іншої дії у минулому:  
We **had been walking** for forty minutes before we reached the village.

2) щоб підкреслити, що дія тривала достатньо довго в минулому і мала видимий результат:  
He was confused because he **had been solving** that problem for hours.



## Exercise 3

**Put the verbs in brackets into the Past Simple, the Past Continuous, the Past Perfect or the Past Perfect Continuous.**

1. The boys (to play) volleyball on the beach yesterday.
2. They (to play) volleyball from 9 to 11 yesterday morning.
3. By 5 o'clock yesterday their team (to play) two games of volleyball.
4. Den (to play) volleyball for ten minutes yesterday when he suddenly (to twist) his ankle.
5. At that time Ron (to listen) to music in his room and (not to hear) the doorbell.

6. The secretary (to talk) on the phone for twenty minutes when the door (to open) and her boss (to come) into the room.
7. Peter (to drive) towards the airport last Sunday when he suddenly (to remember) that he (to leave) his passport at home.
8. We (to go) to a café after we (to meet) Sally.
9. When David (to return) home yesterday his wife (to cook) the chicken which she (to buy) in the supermarket the day before.
10. It (to be) midnight and Linda (to sleep) but John (to lie) sleepless because he (to think) about the words his chief (to tell) him at the end of the working day.

## Exercise 4

**Put the verbs in brackets into the Past Simple or the Past Perfect Continuous Tense.**

1. Sarah (to write) poems since she (to be) a schoolgirl.
2. Ben (to stay) in New York for two days before he (to manage) to buy the ticket for Melbourne.
3. A little boy (to play) with his new toy car for some hours before it (to break).
4. They (to discuss) the news for half an hour before their chief (to come) to the office.
5. Isabel (to try) on clothes for more than an hour before she (to choose) a dress for the party.
6. Henry and Jane (to travel) around the USA for some weeks before I (to meet) them in San Francisco.
7. How long ... you (to sleep) before the doctor (to come)?
8. Where ... Dave (to go) when his chief (to see) him?