

**Practice Paper Unit (3)**

Grade 8 (A + B)

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**Objective:**

1. **To differentiate between Past Perfect and Past Perfect Continuous.**
2. **To practice using Past Perfect and Past Perfect Continuous.**

There are two past tenses used to describe things that happen before another point in time in the past.

\*Use the **Past Perfect** to talk about an event which had happened at some point in time before something took place.

Tom had interviewed five times before he got his first job.  
She had already eaten by the time they arrived.

\*The Past Perfect Continuous is used to express how long something had been going on before something important happened in the past.

Jane had been studying for four hours when he came home.  
**Jack had been driving four over six hours when he finally pulled over to have lunch.**

**Past Perfect Structure**

**Positive** (Subject + had + [past participle](https://www.thoughtco.com/past-participle-1691592))

I, You, He, She, We, they had finished before I arrived.

**Negative** (Subject + had + not (hadn't) + past participle)

I, You, He, She, We, they hadn't eaten before he finished the job.

**Questions (**Question word + had + subject + past participle)

What -> had he, she, you, we, they thought before I asked the question?

**USES:**

We use the **Past Perfect** to talk about actions that were completed before another action or situation in the past. We use it to focus on the result of the action.

* *Anna****had left****when we arrived.*
* ***Had****the meeting****started****by the time you got there?*

We usually use the **past perfect** and not the **past perfect continuous** when we are talking about states rather than actions, with **verbs** like ***be***, ***have***, ***know***.

* *We****’d known****each other for about five years before we became friends.*

Note that we usually use the **past simple** to refer to the more recent action.

* *By the time we****arrived****at the station, the train had already left.*

**Past Perfect Continuous Structure**

**Positive (**Subject + had + been + verb + ing)

I, You, He, She, We, they had been working for two hours when she telephoned.

**Negative (**Subject + had + not (hadn't) + been + verb + ing)

I, You, He, She, We, they hadn't been paying attention for long when he asked the question.

**Questions (**Question word (often 'How long') + had + been + subject + verb + ing)

How long -> had he, she, you, we, they been working before he arrived?

**USES:**

We use the **past perfect continuous** to talk about actions that continued for a period of time before another action or situation in the past. We use it to focus on the duration of the action. The action may or may not have continued up to the moment we are talking about it.

* *I****’d been living****in Italy for three years when we first met.*
* *When I woke up, I saw that it****had been raining****.*

We often use ***already*** with the **past perfect** to emphasize that the action happened earlier. We also often use ***just*** to show that the action happened a very short time before.

* *She had****already****been working for two hours by the time we got there.*
* *Sam had****just****left when we arrived.*



Put the verbs in brackets into the Past Perfect or Past Perfect Continuous

1. \_ Had you studied \_ (you/study) French before you \_\_\_ moved \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to France?
2. How long \_ had you been waiting \_\_ (you/wait) to get on the bus?
3. I \_\_\_ I didn't have \_\_\_(not have) any money because I \_\_\_ I had lost\_\_\_ (lose) my purse.
4. I \_ had been trying \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to get through to her for months before she finally \_\_\_answered \_\_\_\_\_ (answer) my email.
5. I \_\_ had never gone \_\_\_\_ (never/go) to the theatre before last night.
6. James \_\_\_ had been teaching \_\_\_\_\_\_ (teach) at the university for more than a year before he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_went\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Asia.
7. The old woman \_\_ wanted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (want) to sit down because she \_\_\_ had been standing \_\_ (stand) for a long time.
8. They \_\_\_\_\_felt\_\_\_\_\_\_ (feel) bad about selling the house because they \_\_\_\_\_\_ had owned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (own) it for more than forty years.
9. We couldn’t get a hotel room anywhere because we \_ we hadn't booked \_\_\_ (not/book) in advance.
10. We \_\_\_\_\_ had had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) that car for ten years before it \_\_broke\_\_\_ (break) down.

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