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## **Tense: Past Perfect VS Past Perfect Continuous**

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## Exercise 1

Read the sentences. Circle the correct answers.

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1. Pauline\_\_\_\_\_Raymond for ten years.  
a. had known                                  b. has known
2. Tina\_\_\_\_\_money for years when she bought the apartment.  
a. had been saving                              b. has been saving
3. Barry is staying at home today because he \_\_\_\_\_a cold.  
a. has caught                                    b. had caught
4. I \_\_\_\_\_Emily for lunch before she went to the airport.  
a. had met                                        b. met
5. \_\_\_\_\_in the kitchen when I called?  
a. Had you been cooking                      b. Had you cooked
6. Natalie\_\_\_\_\_the piano for years.  
a. had been learning                            b. has been learning
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7. The kids\_\_\_\_\_all the homework by the time their father came home.  
a. finished                                        b. had finished
8. Howard was so tired. He\_\_\_\_\_for two days.  
a. hadn't slept                                    b. hadn't been sleeping
9. The boys are busy with the final exam. They\_\_\_\_\_football for a long time.  
a. had not practised                              b. have not practised
10. Fiona was so embarrassed because the meeting\_\_\_\_\_when she got into the room.  
a. had started                                    b. started
11. My parents\_\_\_\_\_in Europe for three weeks. They are now in Spain.  
a. had been traveling                            b. have been traveling
12. Desmond has been working in this company since he \_\_\_\_\_school.  
a. left    b. had left

## Exercise 2

Read these sentences. Are the underlined words used correctly? If yes, put a tick (✓). If not, write the correct answers in the spaces provided. Use *the simple past*, *the past continuous*, *the past perfect* or *the past perfect continuous*.

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1. Jason was studying in this school for three years before he left to study abroad.
2. I wish I worked harder for the exam.
3. Did you do your homework when I called you last night, Steven?
4. Sandy felt tired and realised that she was reading for hours.
5. What had you been doing at 10 a.m. this morning?
6. Wilson had been writing three novels by the time he was twenty-five.
7. Did you have a bicycle when you were young?
8. The boys were playing baseball when it had started to rain.
9. Mandy and Lilian didn't see each other for years before they attended the reunion party.
10. Tony wanted to have a rest because he walked in the mountains all day.

## Answers

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1. b   2. a   3. a   4. b   5. a   6. b   7. b   8. a   9. b   10. a   11. b   12. a

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### Exercise 2

1. had been studying
2. ✓
3. Were you doing
4. had been reading
5. were you doing
6. had written
7. ✓
8. started
9. had **not**/hadn't seen
10. had been walking



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