

• Express an action that is the cause of another action taking place in the past.



She was tired because she had been skiing.



I was sleepy because I'd been reading late.

Remember that the past perfect continuous will not be used if the main verb is a state verb.



Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense:

1. I had waited (wait) in the office for more than two hours when the Boss finally arrived.
2. They had talked (talk) for over an hour before the others members arrived.
3. You had watched (you/watch) the match when I telephoned you?
4. She had worked (work) for that company for three years when it went out of busines.
5. How long you had waited (you/wait) for John before he finally arrived?
6. What you had done (you/do) yesterday at 8 p.m.?
7. Helen hadn't done (not/do) anything special when we arrived.
8. I had had (have) lunch when he entered the restaurant.

2 Read the sentences below and then write or say what people had done by the times indicated

0. (Example) They went to the cinema and ate 2 bags of popcorn before the film finished.

They had eaten 2 bags of popcorn by the time the film finished.

1. I wrote 7 reports before finishing work.

I had wrote 7 reports before finish work

2. She drank a whole bottle of wine before going to bed.

she had drank a whole bottle of wine before going bed

3. We ate 5 sandwiches before arriving in Scotland.

we had ate 5 sandwiches before arriving in scotland

- 4. He qualified as a teacher before getting married.
He had qualified as a teacher before getting married.
- 5. He stole more than 500,000 euros before the police caught him.
He had stole more than 500000 euros before the police
- 6. They manufactured more than 1,000,000 cars before the factory closed.
They had manufactured more than 1000000 cars before the factory
- 7. She wrote 95 books before dying.
she had wrote 95 books before dying
- 8. He visited France before finishing his classes.
He had visited France before finishing his classes

Write the past perfect continuous form of the verb in brackets:

- 1. Tom was sitting on the chair, out of breath. He Had been running (run).
- 2. We Had been walking (walk) along the road for about 20 minutes when a car stopped and the driver offered us a lift.
- 3. When I arrived, everyone was sitting around the table and talking. Their mouths were empty but their stomachs were full. They Had been eating (eat).
- 4. When I arrived, Jessica was waiting for me. She was rather annoyed with me because I was late and she Had been waiting (wait) for me for two hours.
- 5. Had been doing (do) my homework for two hours when my friend came.

