

Past Perfect vs. Past Perfect Continuous:

1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb (past perfect or past perfect continuous):

- By the time the train arrived, I **(wait)** for over an hour.
- She **(already leave)** when we arrived at the party.
- They **(argue)** for an hour before they finally reached an agreement.
- We **(finish)** all the preparations by the time the guests arrived.
- He was exhausted because he **(work)** on the project all night.

2. Choose the correct option:

- They were late because they **(had missed / had been missing)** the bus.
- She **(had been studying / had studied)** French for three years before she moved to Paris.
- I **(had been calling / had called)** him several times before he finally picked up.
- The ground was wet because it **(had rained / had been raining)** all night.

3. Error correction:

Identify and correct the errors in these sentences:

- By the time I arrived, they **was already finished** dinner.
- He **was tired because he worked** all day without a break.
- She **had waited** for him for hours, but he never showed up.
- They **had been seeing** that movie before.

4. Transform the sentences:

Rewrite the sentences using the past perfect or past perfect continuous to emphasize the sequence of events.

- I was tired because I studied all night.
- She left the office before I arrived.
- They played football for hours before it started raining.
- We were happy because we found our lost dog.

5. Explain the difference:

Explain the difference between these pairs of sentences:

- a) I **had finished** the report before the meeting started.
- b) I **had been finishing** the report when the meeting started.
- a) She **had lived** in New York for five years before moving to London.
- b) She **had been living** in New York for five years before moving to London.

Here are the answers to the exercises on **past perfect** and **past perfect continuous**:

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- They **had been playing** football for hours before it started raining.
- We were happy because we found our lost dog.
- We were happy because we **had found** our lost dog.

5. Explain the difference:

- a) I **had finished** the report before the meeting started.
(The report was completely finished before the meeting started.)
- b) I **had been finishing** the report when the meeting started.
(I was in the process of finishing the report when the meeting started but hadn't completed it yet.)
- a) She **had lived** in New York for five years before moving to London.
(Her stay in New York was completed before she moved to London.)
- b) She **had been living** in New York for five years before moving to London.
(She was still living in New York for a period of five years leading up to her move to London, with the focus on the ongoing process.)

These answers should help clarify the usage of **past perfect** and **past perfect continuous** for your students!