# **Past Perfect Continuous**

## **Exercise 1:**

Complete the sentences with the past perfect continuous of the verb in brackets.

1: She \_...\_ (work) on the project for weeks before she presented it.

2: They \_...\_ (not/travel) for long when they decided to return home.

3: \_...\_ (you/study) for the exam before you fell asleep?

4: He \_...\_ (not/wait) long before the bus arrived.

5: We \_...\_ (plan) the event for months before we sent out the invitations.

## **Exercise 2:**

Rewrite the following sentences in the past perfect continuous.

1: The dog was barking for hours before the owner came home.

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2: They lived in the city for years before they moved to the countryside.

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3: She didn’t sleep well for several nights before she saw the doctor.

\_...\_

4: Did you work on this project before the deadline?

\_...\_

5: He was not exercising regularly before he joined the gym.

\_...\_

## **Exercise 3:**

Transform the following sentences into questions and negatives in the past perfect continuous.

1: She had been reading that book for days before she finished it.

Question: \_...\_

Negative: \_...\_

2: They had been cooking all afternoon before the guests arrived.

Question: \_...\_

Negative: \_...\_

3: I had been learning Spanish for two years before I visited Spain.

Question: \_...\_

Negative: \_...\_

4: He had been driving for hours before he took a break.

Question: \_...\_

Negative: \_...\_

5: The children had been playing outside when it started to rain.

Question: \_...\_

Negative: \_...\_

## **Exercise 4:**

Fill in the blanks with the past perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets to complete the story.

Lucy \_...\_ (train) for the marathon for six months. She \_...\_ (not/feel) very well the week before the race, but she decided to run anyway. Her friends \_...\_ (support) her throughout her training. On the day of the marathon, it \_...\_ (rain) since morning. Lucy \_...\_ (run) for two hours when she felt a sharp pain in her leg. She hadn't realized how tired she was until that moment. Despite the pain, she finished the race. Her coach asked, "\_...\_ (you/push) yourself too hard?" Lucy replied, "Maybe, but I never gave up!"

If you want to have your answers checked, send this document to Mr Du Buisson ([marc.dubuisson@sibu.ch](mailto:marc.dubuisson@sibu.ch))