





Past Perfect Progressive Practice

 **Forming the Past Perfect Progressive.** Fill in the missing words with the past perfect progressive. Use the verb in the parentheses () after the blank.

1. By 2:00 yesterday, John _____ (work) on his homework for ten hours.
2. When the earthquake happened, I _____ (sleep) for over an hour.
3. Joe _____ (drive) for three hours when his car ran out of gas.
4. By last summer, Maria _____ (build) her new house for 3 years.

 **Past Perfect or Past Perfect Progressive?** In the video lesson, you heard and read some sentences with *unfinished* or *finished* actions in the past. The *unfinished actions* were expressed using the **past perfect progressive (PPP)** and the *finished actions* used the **past perfect (PP)**. Read the sentences below and decide if the action is **finished** or **unfinished** and if the verbs are **PPP** or **PP**.

Finished or unfinished?	PPP or PP?	
		1. At 10:00 last night, it had been raining for an hour.
		2. It had already rained by the time I arrived at home at 10:00.
		3. The kids had already eaten dinner when their grandmother finally rang the doorbell.
		4. The kids had been eating dinner for a while when their grandmother finally rang the doorbell.
		5. The prisoner had been trying to escape for two hours by the time they saw that he was gone.
		6. The prisoner had escaped in his underground tunnel by the time they saw that he was gone.



Road Trip, Part 1: Mixed Verb Practice, Part 1. Read the story below about two ESL students who decided to go on a cross-country road trip. Decide if each blank needs *past perfect*, *past simple*, *past perfect progressive*, *past progressive*. Write the missing verbs.

By the first day of spring break in 1995, Taka and Mohammed ⁽¹⁾ _____ (**pack**) their bags for their coast-to-coast American road trip and were ready to go. By the time they crossed the state line for Arizona, Taka ⁽²⁾ _____ (**drive**) and Mohammed ⁽³⁾ _____ (**snore**) for over four hours. Taka was tired and annoyed, so he ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (**decide**) to stop at a Burger



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Queen to take a break. Mohammed entered the restaurant, but Taka stayed outside. While Mohammed ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (order) food, Taka jumped in Mohammed's car and sped down the highway. He wanted to scare Mohammed a little in order to teach him a lesson. He ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (drive) down the road for about three minutes when he heard a loud siren and saw flashing lights behind him. It was the police!



Road Trip Part 2: Mixed Verb Practice. Read on to find out what happens to Taka and Mohammed on their road trip. This time in each blank write a verb using *past perfect progressive*, *past simple*, *present perfect progressive*, or *present perfect*.

The police officer said that Taka ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (drive) 20 miles over the speed limit when he passed the officer's car. Taka told the officer that he didn't have a driver's license, so the officer said that Taka would need to ride with him back to the Burger Queen. At the restaurant, Mohammed ⁽⁸⁾ _____ (enjoy) his burger for ten minutes when he looked out the window and saw that his car was no longer outside. When Taka and the police officer arrived at the restaurant, Mohammed ⁽⁹⁾ _____ (waiting) for such a long time that he ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ (explode) in anger. "What were you thinking?" he shouted. "I ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ (wait) for you for 30 minutes!" Taka ⁽¹²⁾ _____ (apologize) to Mohammed, and after they got Mohammed's car, they ⁽¹³⁾ _____ (continue) on their road trip.

Now, it ⁽¹⁴⁾ _____ (be) more than twenty years since Taka and Mohammed took that road trip together. The men ⁽¹⁵⁾ _____ (continue) to keep in touch, and every time they talk, they laugh about that silly start to their amazing American road trip.