



## Exercise 34

### Past Tense

Name \_\_\_\_\_


Date \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in past perfect progressive tense.

**Note:** Some of the sentences in this exercise provide practice using the negative in past perfect progressive tense.

**Example:** The forest (burn) had been burning for a week before the fire was put out.

**Example:** The firefighters (not, sleep) had not been sleeping at all until more help arrived.

- 1) Tony's knee (ache) \_\_\_\_\_ until the coach bandaged it.
- 2) Sean and Melinda (not, keep) \_\_\_\_\_ good financial records before they got an accountant to help them. 
- 3) The owner of the cookie shop (plan) \_\_\_\_\_ to add two more ovens before the building burned.
- 4) My family and I (live) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Florida Keys before we decided to move to the northern part of the state.
- 5) The peaches (not, hang) \_\_\_\_\_ on the trees for long before the birds ate them.
- 6) The lake (supply) \_\_\_\_\_ water for the town since 1902. Now it was too polluted.
- 7) Crystal (paint) \_\_\_\_\_ the walls before she ran out of paint.
- 8) The colony's independent farmers (feel) \_\_\_\_\_ resentful about English rule and taxation long before the Revolution.
- 9) Mrs. Esposito (not, cook) \_\_\_\_\_ very much until Vincent arrived and asked for his favorite dishes.
- 10) Until Nigel joined a fraternity, he (call) \_\_\_\_\_ his father every Saturday.