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## **Past Tense**

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in <u>past perfect</u> <u>progressive tense.</u>

**Note:** This tense describes actions which were ongoing before other past actions, or which were ongoing in the distant past. It uses the helping verb phrase "had been" followed by the verb + "ing".

**Example:** I / You / We / They / He / She / It <u>had been watching</u> the fish in the aquarium before w the giant turtle appeared.



1) Before I bought my new boat, I (go	o) to the boat show every
day to see the newest models.	
<b>2)</b> You (talk)	to Whitney before the show began.
3) We (think)	about buying an electric car even before the price
of gas went up.	
<b>4)</b> They (race)	_ cars at that track for twenty years before it
closed.	
<b>5)</b> He (drive)	too fast all afternoon before the accident
happened.	
6) After she died, it was discovered the	nat she (make) secret
donations to the shelter for years.	
<b>7)</b> We (grow)	grapes for twelve years before we decided to
open a winery.	