

Past Perfect Continuous: таблица образования

Тип предложения	Формула	Пример	Перевод
Утверждение	had been + V-ing	We had been walking for hours before we found the hut.	Мы шли несколько часов, прежде чем нашли избушку.
Отрицание	hadn't been + V-ing	She hadn't been sleeping well before the exam.	Перед экзаменом она плохо спала.
Общий вопрос	Had + подлежащее + been + V-ing?	Had you been waiting long when the bus came?	Ты долго ждал, когда пришёл автобус?
Краткий ответ	Yes, it had. / No, it hadn't.	Had it been raining? — Yes, it had.	Шёл дождь? — Да.
Специальный вопрос	How long / What + had + подлежащее + been + V-ing?	How long had they been living there before they moved?	Сколько они там прожили до переезда?

Had been не меняется по лицам: I had been, she had been, they had been. Сокращения: I'd been, she'd been, hadn't been.

Когда употребляется Past Perfect Continuous

Случай	Пример	Перевод
действие длилось до момента в прошлом	By 2020 he had been working at the factory for 30 years.	К 2020 году он проработал на заводе 30 лет.
причина видимого результата в прошлом	The ground was wet because it had been raining.	Земля была мокрой, потому что шёл дождь.
длительное действие перед другим событием	I had been reading for an hour when Mum called.	Я читал уже час, когда позвонила мама.
косвенная речь вместо Present Perfect Continuous	He said he had been waiting since noon.	Он сказал, что ждёт с полудня.
косвенная речь вместо Past Continuous	"We were talking." → They said they had been talking.	Они сказали, что разговаривали.

Слова-маркеры Past Perfect Continuous

Маркер	Значение	Пример
for + период	в течение	She had been driving for six hours.
since + момент	с какого-то момента	They had been playing since lunch.
How long...?	как долго	How long had he been living in Tomsk?
before, when	до того как, когда	I had been waiting for ages before he came.
by the time	к тому времени, как	By the time we met, she had been working for hours.
all day, all night (до события)	весь день, всю ночь	He had been studying all night, so he was sleepy.

Типичные ошибки в Past Perfect Continuous

Как не надо	Как правильно	Почему
I was waiting for two hours when the train arrived.	I had been waiting for two hours when the train arrived.	названа длительность до момента в прошлом
She had been knowing him for years.	She had known him for years.	know — глагол состояния
They had being working.	They had been working.	после had — been
He had been writing three letters by noon.	He had written three letters by noon.	назван итог числом — Past Perfect
We had been waited for an hour.	We had been waiting for an hour.	после been в этом времени — V-ing

Past Perfect Continuous, Past Perfect или Past Continuous?

Время	Что показывает	Пример
Past Perfect Continuous	процесс длился до момента в прошлом	She had been painting all morning, so her hands were dirty.
Past Perfect	результат к моменту в прошлом	She had painted three pictures by noon.
Past Continuous	процесс шёл в сам момент прошлого	She was painting when I came in.

Результат к моменту в прошлом — Past Perfect. Та же форма с точкой отсчёта «сейчас» — Present Perfect Continuous.

