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I. PAST TENSES

I.1. Past perfect continuous tense

I.1.1. Usage

The past perfect continuous tense can be used to express an ongoing action in the past continuing to another point in the past. It can be also used to express cause and effect in the past.

I.1.1. Affirmative form (Different usages)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Express an ongoing action in the past continuing to another point in the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I <u>had been waiting</u> for the bus <u>for two hours before</u> it <u>arrived</u>. - Jim <u>had been cooking</u> the dinner <u>for an hour before</u> he <u>finished</u>. - Jim and Kim <u>had been walking</u> there <u>for three hours before</u> they rested.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Express cause and effect in the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jim <u>was</u> tired <u>because</u> he <u>had been jogging</u>. - The pavement <u>was</u> wet <u>because</u> it <u>had been raining</u>. - The children <u>had been playing</u>, so the room <u>was</u> mess.
I.1.2. Negative form (By using : "had not been" / "hadn't been")	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aff : I <u>had been working</u> for a day before I quit. - Aff : You <u>had been cutting</u> onions for long before you cried. - Aff : She <u>had been studying</u> for long when she left asleep. - Aff : It <u>had been snowing</u> for long when it stopped. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neg : I <u>hadn't been working</u> for a day before I quit. - Neg : You <u>hadn't been cutting</u> onions for long before you cried. - Neg : She <u>hadn't been studying</u> for long when she left asleep. - Neg : It <u>hadn't been snowing</u> for long when it stopped.
I.1.3. Interrogative form and possible answers (Closed questions using HAD / YES or NO answers)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interro : <u>Had he</u> been driving all day before he arrived? - Interro : <u>Had the gong</u> been barking because it was scared? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, he had been / No, he hadn't been - Yes, it had been / No, it hadn't been
I.1.4. Interrogative form and possible answers (Open questions or WH questions)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why <u>had you</u> been studying so much? - Where <u>had you</u> been traveling before you came here? - What <u>had they</u> been playing before they played soccer? - Who <u>had she</u> been talking to before she left home? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I had been studying so much because I had a <u>test</u>. - I have been traveling to <u>Palestine</u>. - They had been playing <u>baseball</u>. - She had been talking to <u>her boyfriend</u>.
I.1.5. Practices (Fill in the blanks and find the mistakes.)	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkup 01 : (Express an ongoing action in the past continuing to another point in the past) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They ----- (work) for a long time before they went home. - I ----- (not watch) TV for a year before I started watching again. - Jim and I hadn't been do any work before we started. - He had be watching Youtube because he had some free time. 	----- ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- -----
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkup 02 : (Express cause and effect in the past) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The company ----- (promote) employees because they worked hard. - I ----- (not get) your emails for a long because they went to the spam folder. - I had been work a lot because I needed the money. - He has been smoking because he was stressed. 	----- ----- ----- ----- -----