

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS: COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

B1-B2 | Grammar practice | 15-20 minutes

Name: _____

Date: _____

Write the past perfect continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 We _____ (wait) for an hour when the bus finally came.
- 2 She was tired because she _____ (study) all night.
- 3 The ground was wet because it _____ (rain).
- 4 He _____ (work) there for six years before he resigned.
- 5 They _____ (drive) for hours when they stopped for lunch.
- 6 Mina _____ (cook) all morning, so the kitchen was hot.
- 7 Tom was out of breath because he _____ (run).
- 8 We _____ (live) in Kyoto for a year before moving to Osaka.
- 9 I _____ (talk) for an hour when the battery died.
- 10 The baby _____ (sleep) peacefully before the noise woke her.
- 11 They _____ (travel) for weeks before they returned home.
- 12 She _____ (clean) the house all day, so she needed a rest.
- 13 The children _____ (play) outside before it started to rain.
- 14 He _____ (read) for hours when he reached the final chapter.
- 15 We _____ (try) to contact you before your phone call.
- 16 Mr Smith _____ (teach) for thirty years when he retired.
- 17 They _____ (repair) the road for months before winter arrived.
- 18 I _____ (feel) unwell for several days before seeing a doctor.
- 19 She _____ (write) for hours when her computer crashed.
- 20 We _____ (walk) for two hours before we found the hotel.

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B1-B2 | Answer key

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