

Exercise 1: Past Perfect Simple vs. Past Perfect Continuous

1. By the time I arrived at the party, they (eat) all the pizza.
2. She (work) on the project for three hours before she took a break.
3. When we got to the cinema, the movie (already/start).
4. The children were exhausted because they (play) in the park all afternoon.
5. I (study) for the exam for weeks, so I was well-prepared.
6. The car broke down because it (run) out of gas.
7. They were tired because they (hike) for hours.
8. When I woke up, I realized that I (leave) the window open all night.
9. By the time we arrived, they (set up) the tent.
10. She (practice) her presentation for hours before the meeting.

Exercise 8: Use "Before" and "After"

Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks with the appropriate form of the verb in either the past perfect simple or past perfect continuous tense, and include "before" or "after" to show the sequence of events.

1. They _____ (clean) the house _____ (guests arrive).
2. The chef _____ (prepare) the ingredients _____ (he started cooking).
3. He _____ (repair) the car _____ (it broke down).
4. They _____ (plant) the flowers _____ (the rain began).
5. I _____ (cook) dinner _____ (they came home).
6. He _____ (exercise) for an hour _____ (he took a shower).
7. The students _____ (complete) their assignments _____ (the teacher collected them).

Exercise 4: Combine Sentences

Combine the following pairs of sentences into a single sentence using the past perfect simple or past perfect continuous tense.

1. Sarah practiced the piano. She was very good at it.
2. The company lost a lot of money. They made a bad investment.
3. John couldn't walk properly. He injured his ankle.
4. She was out of breath. She was running.
5. The painting looked beautiful. She worked hard on it.
6. They were late. They missed the opening act of the concert.
7. The team lost the game. They didn't practice enough.
8. It was too dark. He couldn't find his way back to the campsite.
9. She was hungry. She didn't eat anything all day.
10. The road was flooded. We couldn't leave the house.
11. He was out of breath. He was climbing the mountain.
12. The room was messy. She was rearranging the furniture.
13. They were well-prepared. They were studying all night.
14. The garden looked stunning. She was working on it for months.
15. It was delicious. He was cooking all day.