

Positive Statements in Past Perfect Continuous Tense



Grammar worksheet · 14 sentences · B2

Write the right form in each gap.

1. He _____ at the airport for two hours before his flight arrived. (*had been waiting / have been waiting / has been waiting*)
2. He _____ for his wallet for hours before he found it in his pocket. (*had been looking / have been looking / has been looking*)
3. Sarah _____ her dance routine for weeks before the competition. (*had been perfecting / have been perfecting / has been perfecting*)
4. She _____ at the photo for minutes before she noticed something strange. (*had been looking / have been looking / has been looking*)
5. The horses _____ in the field all day before we brought them in. (*have been grazing / had been grazing / has been grazing*)
6. We _____ our picnic for weeks before the weather ruined our plans. (*had been planning / have been planning / has been planning*)
7. She _____ her vacation plans for weeks before she decided where to go. (*had been making / have been making / has been making*)
8. The choir _____ for the concert since September before the hall closed. (*had been rehearsing / has been rehearsing / have been rehearsing*)
9. Tom _____ violin for years before he gave it up. (*had been playing / have been playing / has been playing*)
10. My brother _____ for the bus in the rain for twenty minutes. (*had been waiting / has been waiting / have been waiting*)
11. They _____ English lessons for months before they became fluent. (*had been taking / have been taking / has been taking*)
12. She _____ at her phone for hours before she realized it was dead. (*had been looking / have been looking / has been looking*)
13. The old radio _____ static for weeks before it died. (*had been picking up / has been picking up / have been picking up*)
14. She _____ her novel for years before she finally published it. (*had been writing / have been writing / has been writing*)

Answers

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| 1. had been waiting | 8. had been rehearsing |
| 2. had been looking | 9. had been playing |
| 3. had been perfecting | 10. had been waiting |
| 4. had been looking | 11. had been taking |
| 5. had been grazing | 12. had been looking |
| 6. had been planning | 13. had been picking up |
| 7. had been making | 14. had been writing |

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