

Exercises about “Past Perfect Simple e Past perfect Continuous”

1) Completa le frasi con la forma corretta del past simple dei verbi tra parentesi

- 1) We (see)the film on TV last night many times
- 2) Susan (meet)Bill in Edinburgh two years before
- 3) Peter (have)that car for two years before he sold out
- 4) Mary (already / eat)when she arrived
- 5) When I saw Helen, she (not / divorce)her husband yet
- 6) I (not / finish)cooking dinner by the time the guests arrived
- 7) (they / be)there before?

2) Completa con le question tags e le risposte brevi

Es: You had read that book before, hadn't you? Yes, I had

- 1) They hadn't been there before? No,
- 2) You hadn't checked your passport before leaving,?
No,
- 3) She had met Kevin before,? Yes, ..
.....
- 4) They had travelled by train,? Yes,
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3) Completa le frasi usando la forma corretta del past perfect simple dei verbi forniti

Lose / not study / be / not pay / not clean / not rain / win

- 1) The grass was yellow because itall summer
- 2) He hard enough for the test so he was very nervous
- 3) The garden was dead because itdry summer
- 4) David was locked out of his house. Hehis keys
- 5) The lights went off because hethe electricity bill
- 6) Melanie bought a large house with a swimming pool. Shethe lottery.
- 7) Her room was a mess. Sheit for over a month.

4) Completa le frasi con il past perfect simple e il past simple dei verbi tra parentesi

- 1) Steve (just / finish)eating when the doorbell (ring)
- 2) When Linda / wake)up, her husband (already / make)breakfast
- 3) We (not / want)to go to Chester because we (be)there twice
- 4) When (get)to the airport I (find)out that I (forget)my passport
- 5) She (live) in China before she (move)to Japan
- 6) When they (reach)the station the train (already / leave)
- 7) The students (ask)the teacher to repeat what he (just/ say)
- 8) The children (not / do)their homework so they (be)in trouble
- 9) Harry (feel)sick last night because he (eat)too many cakes.

5) Replica usando la costruzione con “ So o neither / nor
come nell’esempio:

I had worked for a big company till then

So had I

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| 1) Bill and I hadn’t played tennis before |Tom |
| 2) Mark hadn’t studied hard for the exam |I |
| 3) I had met John before |I |
| 4) Paul had eaten before the party |we |

6) Completa le frasi con il Past perfect simple dei verbi tra
parentesi e con For e Since:

Es: “ They (own) had owned that house for ages, before they
sold it

- 1) I (know)Petertwo years before we
got married
- 2) The weather (be)warm and sunnyfour
days
- 3) I (not / write) to Markmonths
- 4) That castle (belong)to John’s familymany
generations
- 5) We (not / see)Marya long time
- 6) I (have)that car September

7) Scrivi mini-dialoghi usando le parole fornite. Ricorda di usare
for o since correttamente:

Es: “ you / have / that scooter? // a long time

- a) How long had you had that scooter?
- b) I had had it for a long time

1) They / be / married? // 1998

- 2) They / know / each other? // two years
- 3) They / own / that house? // years and years
- 4) You / have / flu? // the beginning of the week

8) Completa le frasi usando il Past Perfect Continuous , come nell'esempio:

Es: Ted was very tired. He / study / hard / all day = He had been studying hard all day

- 1) When Mark came back from the beach he was red. He / lie / on the beach / a long time
- 2) The two boys came into the house with a football. They looked tired. They / play / football hours.
- 3) Helen was out of breath. She / run / in the park
- 4) When I arrived everybody was still sitting at the table. They / eat / dinner

9) Costruisci un'unica frase dalle due frasi fornite, come nell'esempio:

Es: “ they went to live in Manchester. After three months Alice found a job.”

“ they had been living in Manchester for three months when Alice found a job

- 1) The pianist were playing. After a quarter of an hour, a man from the audience started shouting.
The pianist
- 2) They were walking along the road. After about ten minutes a man stopped and offered them a lift
They
- 3) They were playing tennis. After half an hour there was a terrible storm
They

4) We were walking. After twenty minutes it started raining.
We

10) Metti il verbo in forma corretta: scegli tra il Past Perfect Continuous (I had been doing) o il past continuous (I was doing)

Es: Tom was leaning against the wall, out of breath. He had been running (run). I tried to catch Tom but I couldn't. He was running (run) very fast.

1) Jim was on his hands and knees on the floor. He (look) for his cigarette lighter.

2) We (walk) along the road for about 20 minutes when a car stopped and the driver offered us a lift

3) When I arrived, everyone was sitting round the table and talking. Their mouths were empty but their stomachs were full. They (eat).

4) When I arrived, Ann (wait) for me. She was rather annoyed with me because I was late and she (wait) for a long time.

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