

Past Perfect Continuous Keywords

Keyword	Use	Position	Example Sentence
Before		With the second past event	Her sale numbers had been improving before she got fired.
For	Countable time phrase after	With the past perfect part (the first event)	He had been practising for 5 hours before he did his audition.
Since	Set time phrase after	With the past perfect part (the first event)	We had been reading that book since December, but we finished it last night.
When		With the second past event	We had been going out for 5 years when he asked me to marry him.