

Past Perfect Continuous Tense




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past perfect continuous



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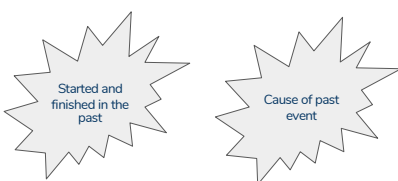
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Started and finished in the past

Cause of past event

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Started and finished in the past

I had been learning English for 3 years before I took my exam

We had been working with that company for a few months before they closed down

They had been watching a film before I arrived

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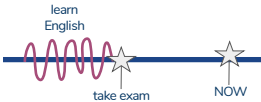
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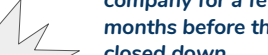
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Started and finished in the past

We had been working with that company for a few months before they closed down


work with company



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They had been watching a film before I arrived

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watch film

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Cause of past event

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She didn't understand because she hadn't been going to her classes

He was frustrated because it had been raining all morning and he couldn't play outside

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studying

tired

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Cause of past event

raining

frustrated

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drink + ING
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swim +ING

swiming



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consonant consonant vowel consonant

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consonant vowel consonant

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skip
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- 1) Verbs ending in W
- 2) Verbs ending in Y
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- 4) Verbs with stress on the first syllable

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1) Verbs ending in W
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play



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relax



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consonant

vowel

consonant



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visit

consonant

vowel

consonant



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Double the final consonant then add ING

EXCEPT: final letters are W, Y or X or if the stress is on the first syllable

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drive✖ +ING



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dance



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lie



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I✖ +Y



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d~~x~~ +Y+ING



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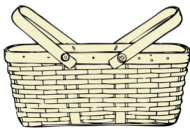
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picnic



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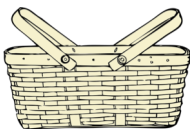
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picnic



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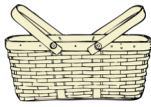
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picnic +K



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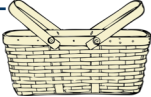
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picnic +K +ING

consonant

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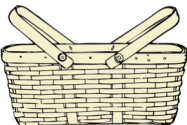
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picnicking


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mimic

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mimic
mimicking



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Rule	Pattern	Example Verb
General rule	+ ING	drink → drinking
CVC rule	Double final consonant + ING	swim → swimming
*Last letter V *Last letter Y *Last letter X *Stress on first syllable	+ ING	draw → drawing play → playing relax → relaxing visit → visiting
E rule	Eliminate E + ING	drive → driving
*Last letters EE	+ ING	see → seeing
IE rule	Eliminate IE + Y + ING	lie → lying
C rule	+ K + ING	picnic → picnicking

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you
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she
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I	had been
you	had been
he	had been
she	had been
it	had been
we	had been
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I	had been	reading
you	had been	reading
he	had been	reading
she	had been	reading
it	had been	reading
we	had been	reading
they	had been	reading

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I	had been	reading
you	had been	reading
he	had been	reading
she	had been	reading
it	had been	reading
we	had been	reading
they	had been	reading


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SUbject	HAd BEen	Present participle
I	had been	travelling
you	had been	travelling
he	had been	travelling
she	had been	travelling
it	had been	travelling
we	had been	travelling
they	had been	travelling

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SUbject	HA d BEen	P resent participle
I	had been	travelling
you	had been	travelling
he	had been	travelling
she	had been	travelling
it	had been	travelling
we	had been	travelling
they	had been	travelling

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SUbject + HA d BEen	P resent participle
I'd been	travelling
you'd been	travelling
he'd been	travelling
she'd been	travelling
it'd been	travelling
we'd been	travelling
they'd been	travelling

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he
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we
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I	had not been
you	had not been
he	had not been
she	had not been
it	had not been
we	had not been
they	had not been

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PRESENT PARTICIPLE

I	had not been	reading
you	had not been	reading
he	had not been	reading
she	had not been	reading
it	had not been	reading
we	had not been	reading
they	had not been	reading

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Subject	HA d BE en	Present participle
I	had not been	reading
you	had not been	reading
he	had not been	reading
she	had not been	reading
it	had not been	reading
we	had not been	reading
they	had not been	reading

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Subject	HA d BE en	Present participle
I	had n ot been	reading
you	had n ot been	reading
he	had n ot been	reading
she	had n ot been	reading
it	had n ot been	reading
we	had n ot been	reading
they	had n ot been	reading

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SUbject	HA d BEen	Present participle
I	hadn't been	reading
you	hadn't been	reading
he	hadn't been	reading
she	hadn't been	reading
it	hadn't been	reading
we	hadn't been	reading
they	hadn't been	reading

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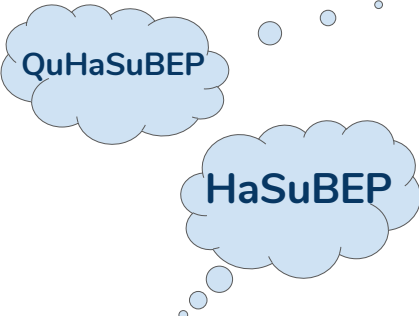
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QuHaSuBEP

HaSuBEP


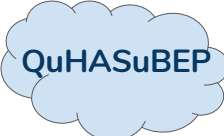
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Where
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Why
How much

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How much	had

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SUBJECT

Who What Where When Why How much	had	I
	had	you
	had	he
	had	she
	had	it
	had	we
	had	they

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Who What Where When Why How much	had	I	been
	had	you	been
	had	he	been
	had	she	been
	had	it	been
	had	we	been
	had	they	been

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Who What Where When Why How much	had	I	been	reading?
	had	you	been	reading?
	had	he	been	reading?
	had	she	been	reading?
	had	it	been	reading?
	had	we	been	reading?
	had	they	been	reading?

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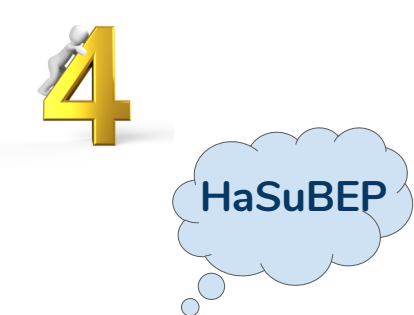
QuesTion Word	verb to HAVe	SUBject	BEen	Present participle
Who What Where When Why How much	had	I	been	reading?
	had	you	been	reading?
	had	he	been	reading?
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	had	it	been	reading?
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	had	you	been	reading?
	had	he	been	reading?
	had	she	been	reading?
	had	it	been	reading?
	had	we	been	reading?
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	had	you	been	reading?
	had	he	been	reading?
	had	she	been	reading?
	had	it	been	reading?
	had	we	been	reading?
	had	they	been	reading?

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Had	I	been	reading?
Had	you	been	reading?
Had	he	been	reading?
Had	she	been	reading?
Had	it	been	reading?
Had	we	been	reading?
Had	they	been	reading?

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Yes

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Subject

Yes	I
	you
	he
	she
	it
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	they

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Verb To Have

Yes	I	had
	you	had
	he	had
	she	had
	it	had
	we	had
	they	had

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No

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No	I
	you
	he
	she
	it
	we
	they

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Had you been studying for long before your exam?

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Verb To Have

No	I	had not
	you	had not
	he	had not
	she	had not
	it	had not
	we	had not
	they	had not

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Verb To Have

No	I	hadn't
	you	hadn't
	he	hadn't
	she	hadn't
	it	hadn't
	we	hadn't
	they	hadn't

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Verb To Have

No	I	hadn't
	you	hadn't
	he	hadn't
	she	hadn't
	it	hadn't
	we	hadn't
	they	hadn't

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When

We had been going out for 5 years when he asked me to marry him

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We had been going out for 5 years when he asked me to marry him

going out

ask to marry NOW

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SINCE + this morning Yesterday October 2001

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Since

We had been reading that book since December, but we finished it last night.

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Since

We had been reading that book since December, but we finished it last night.

reading the book

finished the book

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For

FOR + 10 years
5 months
a few days
a week

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For

He had been practising **for** 5 hours before he did his audition

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For

He had been practising **for** 5 hours before he did his audition

practising

audition NOW

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Before

Her sale numbers had been improving **before** she got fired


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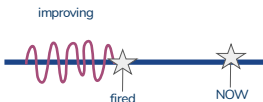
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Her sale numbers had been improving before she got fired




improving

fired

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