



Past Perfect v Past Perfect Continuous Interactive Worksheet

In order to complete this worksheet, you should watch the series of grammar videos about the past perfect v past perfect continuous tenses in English. You should complete this worksheet at the same time as watching the videos.

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Video: Past Perfect v Past Perfect Continuous Use

EXERCISE A: Complete the table below. In column 1, you can see the uses of the past perfect tense. In column 2, you can see the uses of the past perfect continuous tense. Underneath each use, write an example sentence that demonstrates this use.

Past Perfect	Past Perfect Continuous
First of two events in the past E.g. When we arrived at the cinema, the film had already started.	Started and finished in the past E.g. I had been learning English for 3 years before I took my exam.
Stative Verbs E.g. I had known her for a long time before she died.	Cause of past event E.g. We were tired because we had been studying all day.



Video: Past Perfect v Past Perfect Continuous Affirmative

EXERCISE A: Fill in the table below which describes the affirmative form of the past perfect and past perfect continuous tenses. In row 2, you should write the number of parts that this tense uses in the affirmative. In row 3, you should write the form of each tense in the affirmative. In row 4, you should write an example form using the verb TO WALK.

Category	Past Perfect	Past Perfect Continuous
Number of parts	3	3 (two pushed together)
Tense structure	Subject + Had + Past Participle	Subject + Had Been + Present Participle
Conjugation of the verb “to walk”	I had walked You had walked He had walked She had walked It had walked We had walked They had walked	I had been walking You had been walking He had been walking She had been walking It had been walking We had been walking They had been walking



Video: Past Perfect v Past Perfect Continuous Negative

EXERCISE A: Fill in the table below which describes the negative form of the past perfect and past perfect continuous tenses. In row 2, you should write the number of parts that this tense uses in the negative. In row 3, you should write the form of each tense in the negative. In row 4, you should write an example form using the verb **TO WALK**.

Category	Past Perfect	Past Perfect Continuous
Number of parts	3	3 (two pushed together)
Tense structure	Subject + Had (-) + Past Participle	Subject + Had (-) Been + Present Participle
Conjugation of the verb “to walk”	I hadn't walked You hadn't walked He hadn't walked She hadn't walked It hadn't walked We hadn't walked They hadn't walked	I hadn't been walking You hadn't been walking He hadn't been walking She hadn't been walking It hadn't been walking We hadn't been walking They hadn't been walking



Video: Past Perfect v Past Perfect Continuous Questions

EXERCISE A: There are 2 question forms in the past perfect tense. You can see the acronyms below. What does each part of the acronym stand for? Write this in the spaces provided.



Qu: Question Word
Ha: Verb To Have (Had)
Su: Subject
P: Past Participle



Ha: Verb To Have (Had)
Su: Subject
P: Past Participle

EXERCISE B: There are 2 question forms in the past perfect continuous tense. You can see the acronyms below. What does each part of the acronym stand for? Write this in the spaces provided.



Qu: Question Word
Ha: Verb To Have (Had)
Su: Subject
Be: Verb To Be (Been)
P: Present Participle

Ha: Verb To Have (Had)
Su: Subject
Be: Verb To Be (Been)
P: Present Participle



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Video: Past Perfect v Past Perfect Continuous Short Responses

EXERCISE A: If I ask the questions “had you cooked?” or “had you been drinking?” there are two possible ways to respond. Fill in the gaps below to show the possible responses.

Yes	Subject	Verb To Have
	I	had
	you	had
	he/she/It	had
	we	had
	they	had

No	Subject	Verb To Have
	I	hadn't
	you	hadn't
	he/she/It	hadn't
	we	hadn't
	they	hadn't



Video: Past Perfect v Past Perfect Continuous Common Mistakes

EXERCISE A: Below is a set of incorrect sentences. Identify the mistake and write this in the space provided, then rewrite this sentence correctly in the second space provided.

- 1) They had been building the house when the earthquake hit. (If the house was already finished when the earthquake hit)

MISTAKE: If the first of two past events was finished before the second past event, we must use the past perfect tense.

CORRECTION: They had built the house when the earthquake hit.

*Note that if the first event was still happening when the second event happened in the past, then we need the past perfect continuous tense (they had been building the house when the earthquake hit).

- 2) I had been knowing her for a long time.

MISTAKE: Stative verbs must be used with the past perfect tense.

CORRECTION: They had known her for a long time.

- 3) They had been starting the film before I got home.

MISTAKE: Momentary actions cannot be used in continuous forms, because they don't happen for a long period of time.

CORRECTION: They had started the film before I got home.