

Past Perfect v Past Perfect Continuous



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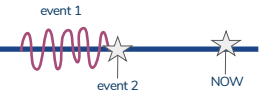
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**past perfect**



**past perfect continuous**



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

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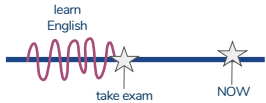
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