



Past Perfect Continuous Tense

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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

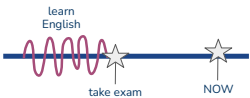
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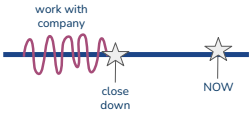




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Started and finished in the past

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Started and finished in the past

They had been watching a film before I arrived

watch film

arrive

NOW

A horizontal timeline with a blue line. A pink wavy line representing an action starts at a point in the past and ends at a star labeled 'arrive'. The label 'watch film' is above the wavy line. Another star labeled 'NOW' is further to the right on the blue line.

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Cause of past event

We were tired because we had been studying all day

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

A horizontal timeline with a blue line. A pink wavy line representing an action starts at a point in the past and ends at a star labeled 'tired'. The label 'studying' is above the wavy line. Another star labeled 'NOW' is further to the right on the blue line.

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Cause of past event

We were tired because we had been studying all day

studying

tired

NOW

A horizontal timeline with a blue line. A pink wavy line representing an action starts at a point in the past and ends at a star labeled 'tired'. The label 'studying' is above the wavy line. Another star labeled 'NOW' is further to the right on the blue line.

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Cause of past event

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

not going to class

doesn't understand

NOW

The diagram shows a horizontal timeline. A red wavy line represents a past event labeled 'not going to class'. An arrow points from this event to a star on the timeline labeled 'doesn't understand'. Another star further to the right is labeled 'NOW'.

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Cause of past event

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

not going to class

doesn't understand

NOW

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To talk

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Subject	Had Been	Present Participle
I	had been	talking
you	had been	talking
he	had been	talking
she	had been	talking
it	had been	talking
we	had been	talking
they	had been	talking

To talk

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Subject + Had	Been	Present Participle
I'd	been	talking
you'd	been	talking
he'd	been	talking
she'd	been	talking
it'd	been	talking
we'd	been	talking
they'd	been	talking

To talk



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Subject	Had Not Been	Present Participle
I	had not been	talking
you	had not been	talking
he	had not been	talking
she	had not been	talking
it	had not been	talking
we	had not been	talking
they	had not been	talking

To talk



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Subject	Hadn't Been	Present Participle
I	hadn't been	talking
you	hadn't been	talking
he	hadn't been	talking
she	hadn't been	talking
it	hadn't been	talking
we	hadn't been	talking
they	hadn't been	talking

To talk



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Had	Subject	Been	Present Participle
Had	I	been	talking?
Had	you	been	talking?
Had	he	been	talking?
Had	she	been	talking?
Had	it	been	talking?
Had	we	been	talking?
Had	they	been	talking?

To talk



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question word

Had	Subject	Been	Present Participle
Had	I	been	talking?
Had	you	been	talking?
Had	he	been	talking?
Had	she	been	talking?
Had	it	been	talking?
Had	we	been	talking?
Had	they	been	talking?

To talk



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

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



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