

## Solutions

### PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS - EXERCISE 1

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**Complete the following sentences using past perfect continuous:**

1. How long had you been working (work) in Madrid before you found your new job?
2. She hadn't been learning / had not been learning / 'd not been learning (not learn) English for a long time, when she decided to learn another language.
3. I hadn't been running / had not been running / 'd not been running (run) for a long time, when I had to stop because I felt really tired.
4. She had been smoking / 'd been smoking (smoke) for three years. However, she didn't realise how dangerous it was until she got  
  
ill.
5. She couldn't hand our project on time, although she had been working / 'd been working (work) on it for several weeks.
6. My sister and her boyfriend had been arguing / 'd been arguing (argue) for two hours until they finally got relaxed and talked about  
  
it calmly.
7. Spain had been hoping / 'd been hoping (hope) to win the Soccer World Cup. They finally got it in 2010.
8. I had been waiting / 'd been waiting (wait) two years until I had money to buy a new car.
9. The baby had been eating / 'd been eating (eat) chocolate. For that reason, his face was so dirty.

10. She had been playing / 'd been playing (play) the piano for two hours when the neighbours finally knocked her door to ask her to

stop. It was very late and they wanted to sleep.