

Past Perfect Continuous: Structure

AFFIRMATIVE FORM			NEGATIVE FORM			QUESTION FORM		
Subject + had been + Verb + ING			Subject + had not been + Verb + ING			Had + Subject + been + Verb + ING		
I YOU HE SHE+ IT WE YOU THEY	had been +	Verb + ING e.g they had been working	I YOU HE SHE+ IT WE YOU THEY	hadn't been +	Verb + ING e.g they hadn't been working	had +	I YOU HE SHE+ IT WE YOU THEY	been + Verb + ING e.g had they been working?

Past Perfect: Use

Use 1: AN ACTION THAT CONTINUES UP TO ANOTHER POINT IN THE PAST	Use 2: TO EMPHASIZE THE DURATION OF A PAST ACTION
<p>We use past perfect continuous to talk about an action that continue up to another action or time in the past:</p> <p>E.g. I had been working for hours before you arrived. He had been training for six months by the time of the race.</p>	<p>We use past perfect continuous to emphasize the duration of a past action:</p> <p>E.g. By the time the bus arrived they had been waiting for four hours. We had been looking for the right apartment for many months before we found the right one.</p>