

# Past Perfect Continuous

## Learner worksheet - 20 questions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one option or write your answer on the line. In sentence changes, keep the same subject and details.

Standard contractions are accepted where appropriate. There is no timer.

1. Complete: I \_\_\_ for twenty minutes when the bus arrived. (wait)

- A. had been waiting
- B. had waiting
- C. had been wait

2. Complete: We \_\_\_ all morning when the power failed. (work)

- A. had been working
- B. had been work
- C. had working

3. Complete: You \_\_\_ for weeks before the interview. (practise)

- A. had been practising
- B. had been practise
- C. had practising

4. Complete: We \_\_\_ the event for months before it was cancelled. (plan)

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5. Complete: They \_\_\_ all night when they reached London. (travel)

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6. Negative: I \_\_\_ for twenty minutes when the bus arrived. (wait)

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7. Negative: He \_\_\_ for a job for months before he found one. (look)

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8. Negative: My children \_\_\_ outside for an hour when it started raining. (play)

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9. Negative: We \_\_\_ the event for months before it was cancelled. (plan)

- A. had not been plan
- B. had not been planning
- C. had not planning

**10. Negative:** The students \_\_\_\_ for half an hour when the tutor returned. (read)

- A.** had not been read
- B.** had not been reading
- C.** had not reading

**11. Question:** \_\_\_\_ I been waiting for twenty minutes when the bus arrived?

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**12. Question:** \_\_\_\_ he been looking for a job for months before he found one?

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**13. Question:** \_\_\_\_ the nurse been helping patients all morning before her break?

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**14. Order the words to make a question.**

**Words:** planning / cancelled / Had / the / we / event / months / before / was / been / for / it

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**15. Order the words to make a question.**

**Words:** the / for / hour / carrying / an / bags / found / we / you / been / a / Had / trolley / before

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**16. Make it negative:** I had been waiting for twenty minutes when the bus arrived.

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**17. Make it negative:** They had been cleaning for an hour when we arrived.

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**18. Make a yes/no question:** He had been repairing the car for two hours when I saw him.

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**19. Correct the sentence:** They had been worked all morning before lunch.

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**20. Correct the sentence:** He hadn't been slept before the phone rang.

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## Answer key - tutor copy

Accept grammatically correct alternatives that preserve the requested meaning and details, including standard contractions. The online practice may ask for a particular sentence pattern.

1. (A) had been waiting
2. (A) had been working
3. (A) had been practising
4. had been planning
5. had been travelling
6. had not been waiting
7. had not been looking
8. had not been playing
9. (B) had not been planning
10. (B) had not been reading
11. Had
12. Had
13. Had
14. Had we been planning the event for months before it was cancelled?
15. Had you been carrying the bags for an hour before we found a trolley?
16. I had not been waiting for twenty minutes when the bus arrived.
17. They had not been cleaning for an hour when we arrived.
18. Had he been repairing the car for two hours when I saw him?
19. They had been working all morning before lunch.
20. He had not been sleeping before the phone rang.

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