

# PAST PERFECT V S. PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

## [ Exercise 2 ]

Complete the gaps in **Past Perfect** or **Past Perfect Continuous**.

### Example:

Johnnie \_\_\_\_\_ computer games for about three hours before he went outside. (*play*)

### Answer:

Johnnie **had been playing** computer games for about three hours before he went outside.

1. Rosa \_\_\_\_\_ some strange sounds before the shadow appeared on the wall. (*hear*)
2. Robin \_\_\_\_\_ for ages until his friend arrived and told him that everything was settled. (*wait*)
3. Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ around the city for about five hours before he decided to have dinner. (*walk*)
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ a difficult project by the previous lesson. (*complete*)
5. Sebastian \_\_\_\_\_ to his girlfriend on the phone for about half an hour before the connection suddenly disappeared. (*talk*)
6. It \_\_\_\_\_ heavily the whole day yesterday so we could not leave our shelter. (*rain*)
7. Maggie \_\_\_\_\_ her clothes for about two hours before she heard the telephone ringing. (*wash*)

8. Sandy \_\_\_\_\_ the car on his own before the mechanic arrived. **(repair)**
9. Albert \_\_\_\_\_ to Helena before they went to the party. **(propose)**
10. The dog got tired because it \_\_\_\_\_ around the forest for two hours.  
**(run)**
11. The lesson \_\_\_\_\_ by the time I entered the classroom. **(finish)**
12. The thief \_\_\_\_\_ the painting before the police arrived. **(escape)**
13. Silvia \_\_\_\_\_ her leg, so she couldn't walk. **(injure)**
14. Cara \_\_\_\_\_ her former classmate in the cafe before she paid the bill.  
**(meet)**
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ the poem by heart for an hour by the time my parents came home. **(learn)**

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## ANSWERS

1. had heard.
2. had been waiting.
3. had been walking.
4. had completed.
5. had been talking.
6. had been raining.
7. had been washing.
8. had repaired.
9. had proposed.
10. had been running.
11. had finished.
12. had escaped.
13. had injured.
14. had met.
15. had been learning.