



Past Perfect Continuous or Past Simple Exercise 1

Make the past perfect continuous or the past simple.

1. I _____ (wait) for hours, so I was really glad when the bus finally _____ (arrive).
2. A: Why _____ (be) the baby's face so dirty? B: He _____ (eat) chocolate.
3. I _____ (see) John yesterday, but he _____ (run) so he was too tired to chat.
4. It _____ (rain) and the pavement _____ (be) covered with puddles.
5. When I _____ (arrive), it was clear that she _____ (work). There were papers all over the floor and books everywhere.
6. They _____ (study) all day so, when we _____ (meet), they were exhausted.
7. The boss _____ (talk) to clients on Skype for hours, so she _____ (want) a break.
8. I _____ (drink) coffee all morning. By lunchtime, I _____ (feel) really strange.
9. Lucy _____ (hope) for a new car, so she was delighted when she _____ (get) one.
10. I _____ (dream) about a holiday in Greece! I couldn't believe it when my husband _____ (book) one as a surprise!



Answers

1. I had been waiting for hours, so I was really glad when the bus finally arrived.
2. A: Why was the baby's face so dirty? B: He had been eating chocolate.
3. I saw John yesterday, but he had been running so he was too tired to chat.
4. It had been raining and the pavement was covered with puddles.
5. When I arrived, it was clear that she had been working. There were papers all over the floor and books everywhere.
6. They had been studying all day so, when we met, they were exhausted.
7. The boss had been talking to clients on Skype for hours, so she wanted a break.
8. I had been drinking coffee all morning. By lunchtime, I felt really strange.
9. Lucy had been hoping for a new car, so she was delighted when she got one.
10. I had been dreaming about a holiday in Greece! I couldn't believe it when my husband booked one as a surprise!