

# PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

The Past Perfect Continuous tense, sometimes called the Past Perfect Progressive tense, is a verb form used to talk about a continuous activity that began in the past, lasted for a certain amount of time, and was still running strong before another previous event or time. It highlights the continuity and length of activity before a specific historical period.

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**Q1: Which of the following sentences uses the past perfect continuous tense correctly?**

- A: He had been cooking dinner when the relatives arrived.
  - B: She has been practising for her performance since last night.
  - C: They were playing cricket when it started drizzling.
  - D: We will be leaving for our summer vacation tomorrow.
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**Q2: In which of the following situations would you use the past perfect continuous tense?**

- A: Describing a typical prior action.
  - B: Making a precise future event reference.
  - C: Expressing a present-day event that preceded a previous historical event.
  - D: Discuss a universal truth or fact.
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**Q3: Choose the correct sentence in the past perfect continuous tense:**

- A: Reema had been reading the book yesterday.
  - B: Shizuka watched a horror movie last night.
  - C: He had been dancing at the club all night.
  - D: My family will be travelling next week.
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**Q4: What does the Past Perfect Continuous tense highlight?**

- A: The purpose of the activity in the past
  - B: The continuity and length of activity before a specific historical period
  - C: The frequency of the activity in the past
  - D: The outcome of the action in the past
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**Q5: Which tense is also known as the Past Perfect Progressive tense?**

- A: Present Perfect tense
  - B: Past Perfect Continuous tense
  - C: Simple Past tense
  - D: Present Simple tense
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**Q6: What auxiliary verb must be used in the Past Perfect Continuous tense?**

- A: have
  - B: is
  - C: had
  - D: Will
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**Q7: What verb phrase is used in the past perfect continuous tense?**

- A: is being
  - B: will be
  - C: had been
  - D: has been
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**Q8: Which tense emphasises how long an activity has been going on in the past?**

- A: Past Perfect Continuous
  - B: Future Continuous
  - C: Present Perfect Continuous
  - D: Simple Past
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**Q9: Which tense describes ongoing acts that began in the past and continue into the present?**

- A: Past Perfect Continuous
  - B: Present Perfect Continuous
  - C: Present Perfect
  - D: Simple Past
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**Q10: What is the use of time expressions and adverbs in writing?**

- A: To establish temporal relationships
  - B: To showcase emotions
  - C: To add descriptive details
  - D: To create suspense
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## Answers

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**Q1:** A - He had been cooking dinner when the relatives arrived.

**Q2:** C - Expressing a present-day event that preceded a previous historical event.

**Q3:** C - He had been dancing at the club all night.

**Q4:** B - The continuity and length of activity before a specific historical period

**Q5:** B - Past Perfect Continuous tense

**Q6:** C - had

**Q7:** C - had been

**Q8:** A - Past Perfect Continuous

**Q9:** B - Present Perfect Continuous

**Q10:** A - To establish temporal relationships