

PAST CONTINUOUS & PAST PERFECT EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Fill-in-the-Blank

Instructions: For each sentence, complete the blanks with the correct form (past simple, past continuous or past perfect) of the given verb (in parentheses).

1. When I ____ (to arrive) at the conference, most guests ____ (to leave) already.
 2. While she ____ (to study) in the library, her friend ____ (to wait) outside.
 3. When I ____ (to work) on the project, I realized that I ____ (to lose) my notebook.
 4. While he ____ (to drive) to work, he observed that he ____ (to break) his sunglasses.
 5. When they ____ (to join) the meeting, everyone ____ (to celebrate) the announcement.
 6. While I ____ (to prepare) dinner, I discovered that the vegetables ____ (to spoil).
 7. When he ____ (to ride) his bike, he ____ (to fall) off and called for help.
 8. While we ____ (to speak) with the organizer, we understood that she ____ (to adjust) the new schedule.
 9. When I ____ (to make) the announcement, I ____ (to feel) proud of our success.
 10. While they ____ (to plan) the event, they ____ (to listen) carefully to suggestions.
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Exercise 2: Compose the Sentence

Instructions: Rearrange the jumbled words into a correct sentence. (Articles are omitted; insert the appropriate articles where needed.)

1. Jumbled:
"I / meeting / recorded / until / it had finished"
2. Jumbled:
"she / report / had finished / she / before / reviewed / it"
3. Jumbled:
"They / had verified / they / records / were updating / while"
4. Jumbled:
"We / orders / had received / and then / confirmed / them / we"
5. Jumbled:
"He / appointment / had rescheduled / but then / canceled / he / it"
6. Jumbled:
"They / event / had planned / changed / that / we"

7. Jumbled:
"I / meeting / was delaying / because / too much / work / had / I"
 8. Jumbled:
"she / winner / confirmed / while / was announcing / she"
 9. Jumbled:
"We / package / had forgotten / that / were delivering / we"
 10. Jumbled:
"He / process / had initiated / and / was improving / he"
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Exercise 3: Find the Error

Instructions: Each sentence below contains an error in its use of the past continuous or past perfect. Identify and rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. When I arrived at the conference, everyone left already.
 2. While he was driving to work, he saw that he broke his phone before leaving.
 3. When they working on the project, they lost the data.
 4. While I was sitting in class, I realized I forgot my notebook at home.
 5. When she was getting to the meeting, she already missed the introduction.
 6. While we preparing dinner, we was watching TV.
 7. When he reading the book, he realized that he already understood the concept.
 8. They celebrate their victory while they searched for the trophy that they lost.
 9. When I planning the trip, I discovered that the tickets were sold out.
 10. While she spoken to the manager, she realized the error.
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Exercise 4: Multiple Choice

Instructions: Choose the sentence that correctly uses the past continuous and past perfect forms.

1. When I ____ the report, I ____ that the printer was broken.
 - a) was reviewing, had noticed
 - b) reviewed, noticed
 - c) was reviewing, noticed
 - d) reviewed, had noticed

2. While he ____ to the meeting, he realized he ____ his wallet.
 - a) was driving, had forgotten
 - b) drove, forgotten
 - c) was driving, forgotten
 - d) drove, had forgotten

3. When I ____ the film, I ____ that the actor had left.
 - a) was watching, had noticed
 - b) watched, noticed
 - c) was watching, noticed
 - d) watched, had noticed

4. While she ____ for the exam, she ____ that the library had closed.
 - a) was studying, had realized
 - b) studied, realized
 - c) studied, had realized
 - d) was studying, realized

5. When we ____ the presentation, we discovered that the projector ____.
 - a) prepared, malfunctioned
 - b) were preparing, was malfunctioning
 - c) were preparing, malfunctioned
 - d) prepared, was malfunctioning

6. While he ____ his car, he ____ a near collision.
 - a) was driving, had encountered
 - b) drove, encountered
 - c) was driving, encountered
 - d) drove, had encountered

7. When they ____ dinner, they ____ that the food was cold.
 - a) were eating, had realized
 - b) were eating, realized
 - c) ate, realized
 - d) ate, had realized

8. While I ____ the match, I noticed that my team ____.
- a) was watching, had lost
 - b) watched, had lost
 - c) was watching, has lost
 - d) watched, lost
9. When she ____ in the office, she ____ that the meeting had started.
- a) was arriving, had seen
 - b) arrived, saw
 - c) was arriving, has seen
 - d) arrived, had seen
10. While we ____ the event, we ____ that the speakers had left early.
- a) were attending, had noticed
 - b) attended, noticed
 - c) attended, had noticed
 - d) were attending, noticed

Exercise 5: Compose the Sentence

Instructions: For each question, select one option from each bullet point and then write a complete sentence using the correct past continuous and past perfect forms. (Articles are omitted; insert appropriate articles where needed.)

1.

- Subject: I / We
- Conjunction: before
- Past Continuous: was recording
- Past Perfect: it had ended
- Complement: meeting

2.

- Subject: We (x2)
- Conjunction: after
- Past Continuous: were assembling
- Past Perfect: had prepared
- Complement: equipment
- Complement: all the parts

3.

- Subject: They (x2)
- Conjunction: while
- Past Continuous: were evaluating
- Past Continuous: were gathering
- Complement: data
- Complement: statistics

4.

- Subject: She
- Conjunction: while
- Past Simple: notified us
- Past Continuous: was confirming
- Complement: about the schedule
- Complement: changes

5.

- Subject: He
- Conjunction: and
- Past Perfect: had inspected
- Past Simple: identified
- Complement: machinery
- Complement: several issues

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6.

- Subject: I (x2)
- Conjunction: when
- Past Continuous: was monitoring
- Past Simple: detected
- Complement: unusual activity
- Complement: security breach

7.

- Subject: We (x2)
- Conjunction: while
- Past Continuous: were organizing
- Past Continuous: were arranging
- Complement: documents
- Complement: all the files

8.

- Subject: They (x2)
- Conjunction: after
- Past Simple: summarized
- Past Perfect: had reviewed
- Complement: report
- Complement: findings

9.

- Subject: She (x2)
- Conjunction: before
- Past Simple: considered
- Past Perfect: had expressed
- Complement: her opinion
- Complement: all the options

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PAST CONTINUOUS & PAST PERFECT SOLUTIONS

Exercise 1: Fill-in-the-Blank

1. When I **arrived** at the conference, most guests **had left** already.
2. While she **was studying** in the library, her friend **was waiting** outside.
3. When I **was working** on the project, I realized that I **had lost** my notebook.
4. While he **was driving** to work, he observed that he **had broken** his sunglasses.
5. When they **joined** the meeting, everyone **was celebrating** the announcement.
6. While I **was preparing** dinner, I discovered that the vegetables **had spoiled**.
7. When he **was riding** his bike, he **fell** off and called for help.
8. While we **were speaking** with the organizer, we understood that she **had adjusted** the new schedule.
9. When I **was making** the announcement, I **felt** proud of our success.
10. While they **were planning** the event, they **were listening** carefully to suggestions.

Exercise 2: Compose the Sentence

(Answers may vary slightly)

1. **Correct Answer:** I recorded the meeting until it had finished.
2. **Correct Answer:** She had finished the report before she reviewed it.
3. **Correct Answer:** They had verified the records while they were updating.
4. **Correct Answer:** We had received the orders and then we confirmed them.
5. **Correct Answer:** He had rescheduled the appointment but then he canceled it.
6. **Correct Answer:** They changed the event that we had planned.
7. **Correct Answer:** I was delaying the meeting because I had too much work.
8. **Correct Answer:** She confirmed the winner while she was announcing.
9. **Correct Answer:** We had forgotten the package that we were delivering.
10. **Correct Answer:** He had initiated the process and he was improving.

Exercise 3: Find the Error

1. **Error:** When I arrived at conference, everyone left already.
Correction: When I arrived at the conference, everyone **had left** already.
2. **Error:** While he was driving to work, he saw that he broke his phone before leaving.
Correction: While he was driving to work, he saw that he **had broken** his phone before leaving.
3. **Error:** When they working on the project, they lost the data.
Correction: When they **were working** on the project, they lost the data.
4. **Error:** While I was sitting in class, I realized I forgot my notebook at home.
Correction: While I was sitting in class, I realized I **had forgotten** my notebook at home.
5. **Error:** When she was getting to the meeting, she already missed the introduction.
Correction: When she **got to** the meeting, she **had already missed** the introduction.
6. **Error:** While we preparing dinner, we was watching TV.
Correction: While we **were preparing** dinner, we **were watching** TV.
7. **Error:** When he reading the book, he realized that he already understood the concept.
Correction: When he **was reading** the book, he realized that he **had already understood** the concept.
8. **Error:** They celebrate their victory while they searched for the trophy that they lost.
Correction: They **were celebrating** their victory while they searched for the trophy that they **had lost**.
9. **Error:** When I planning the trip, I discovered that the tickets were sold out.
Correction: When I **was planning** the trip, I discovered that the tickets were sold out.
10. **Error:** While she spoken to the manager, she realized the error.
Correction: While she **was speaking** to the manager, she **realized** the error.

Exercise 4: Multiple Choice

1. When I ____ the report, I ____ that the printer was broken.
Correct Answer: c) was reviewing, noticed
2. While he ____ to the meeting, he realized he ____ his wallet.
Correct Answer: a) was driving, had forgotten
3. When I ____ the film, I ____ that the actor had left.
Correct Answer: c) was watching, noticed
4. While she ____ for the exam, she ____ that the library had closed.
Correct Answer: d) was studying, realized
5. When we ____ the presentation, we discovered that the projector ____.
Correct Answer: b) were preparing, was malfunctioning
6. While he ____ his car, he ____ a near collision.
Correct Answer: c) was driving, encountered
7. When they ____ dinner, they ____ that the food was cold.
Correct Answer: b) were eating, realized
8. While I ____ the match, I noticed that my team ____.
Correct Answer: a) was watching, had lost
9. When she ____ in the office, she ____ that the meeting had started.
Correct Answer: b) was arriving, had seen
10. While we ____ the event, we ____ that the speakers had left early.
Correct Answer: d) were attending, had noticed

Exercise 5: Compose the Sentence

1.
 - Subject: I / We
 - Conjunction: before
 - Past Continuous: was recording
 - Past Perfect: it had ended
 - Complement: meeting

Possible Answer: I was recording the meeting before it had ended.

- 2.
- Subject: We (x2)
 - Conjunction: after
 - Past Continuous: were assembling
 - Past Perfect: had prepared
 - Complement: equipment
 - Complement: all the parts

Possible Answer: We were assembling the equipment after we had prepared all the parts.

- 3.
- Subject: They (x2)
 - Conjunction: while
 - Past Continuous: were evaluating
 - Past Continuous: were gathering
 - Complement: data
 - Complement: statistics

Possible Answer: They were evaluating the data while they were gathering the statistics.

- 4.
- Subject: She
 - Conjunction: while
 - Past Simple: notified us
 - Past Continuous: was confirming
 - Complement: about the schedule
 - Complement: changes

Possible Answer: She notified us about the schedule while she was confirming the changes.

- 5.
- Subject: He
 - Conjunction: and
 - Past Perfect: had inspected
 - Past Simple: identified
 - Complement: machinery
 - Complement: several issues

Possible Answer: He had inspected the machinery and identified several issues.

- 6.
- Subject: I (x2)
 - Conjunction: when
 - Past Continuous: was monitoring
 - Past Simple: detected
 - Complement: unusual activity
 - Complement: security breach

Possible Answer: I was monitoring unusual activity when I detected a security breach.

- 7.
- Subject: We (x2)
 - Conjunction: while
 - Past Continuous: were organizing
 - Past Continuous: were arranging
 - Complement: documents
 - Complement: all the files

Possible Answer: We were organizing documents while we were arranging all the files.

- 8.
- Subject: They (x2)
 - Conjunction: after
 - Past Simple: summarized
 - Past Perfect: had reviewed
 - Complement: report
 - Complement: findings

Possible Answer: They summarized the report after they had reviewed the findings.

- 9.
- Subject: She (x2)
 - Conjunction: before
 - Past Simple: considered
 - Past Perfect: had expressed
 - Complement: her opinion
 - Complement: all the options

Possible Answer: She had expressed her opinion before she considered all the options.