



Past Perfect Continuous

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in the past perfect continuous.

1. Sarah _____ (study) for hours before she finally took a break.
2. The children _____ (already / play) in the garden for over an hour when their mother called them inside.
3. By the time we arrived, they _____ (discuss) the issue for a long time.
4. He _____ (wait) for the bus for twenty minutes before it arrived.
5. I _____ (work) on the project all night before I submitted it.
6. They _____ (try) to fix the car for hours before they called a mechanic.
7. We _____ (live) in that house for five years before we moved.
8. She _____ (train) for the marathon for months before the big race.
9. The students _____ (review) for several days before the exam.
10. He _____ (plan) his vacation for weeks before he booked the tickets.
11. My parents _____ (travel) for a month before they returned home.
12. The firm _____ (expand) its operations for years before it went public.
13. The dog _____ (often / bark) at night before the neighbors complained.
14. I _____ (practice) the piano for two hours when my teacher arrived.
15. She _____ (paint) the living room for three hours before she realized she didn't like the color.

Answers

1. had been studying
2. had already been playing
3. had been discussing
4. had been waiting
5. had been working
6. had been trying
7. had been living
8. had been training
9. had been reviewing
10. had been planning
11. had been traveling
12. had been expanding
13. had often been barking
14. had been practicing
15. had been painting