



Past Tenses 2

Conjugate the verb in brackets in the appropriate past tense (past simple, past continuous, past perfect, or past perfect continuous).

1. While the guests _____ (arrive), we were setting the table for dinner.
2. After he _____ (write) his essay, he submitted it to his professor.
3. She _____ (study) for hours when she realized it was already midnight.
4. They _____ (not/see) each other for years before their reunion.
5. The children _____ (watch) cartoons when the power went out.
6. By the time the concert started, the band _____ (rehearse) all day.
7. I _____ (call) her three times yesterday, but she didn't pick up.
8. He _____ (repair) the car for two hours when he finally found the problem.
9. We _____ (already/eat) dinner by the time the movie began.
10. The dog _____ (bark) all night, keeping the neighbors awake.
11. While we _____ (wait) for the train, we noticed a beautiful sunset.
12. After the rain _____ (stop), we decided to go for a walk.
13. She _____ (tell) us that she had an important announcement to make.
14. He _____ (play) video games when his mom asked him to do his chores.
15. By the time she arrived, they _____ (leave) the restaurant.

Answers

1. **were arriving** (past continuous)
2. **had written** (past perfect)
3. **had been studying** (past perfect continuous)
4. **had not seen** (past perfect)
5. **were watching** (past continuous)
6. **had been rehearsing** (past perfect continuous)
7. **called** (past simple)
8. **had been repairing** (past perfect continuous)
9. **had already eaten** (past perfect)
10. **had been barking** (past perfect continuous)
11. **were waiting** (past continuous)
12. **stopped** (past simple)
13. **told** (past simple)
14. **was playing** (past continuous)
15. **had left** (past perfect).