

# Past Perfect Continuous

## A- Put the verbs in brackets into the past perfect continuous.

- I \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Portugal for two years when the revolution broke out.
- Her parents found out that she \_\_\_\_\_ (hide) the truth.
- He told me he \_\_\_\_\_ (think) of finding a job.
- Mark was so strange that I wondered if he \_\_\_\_\_ (drink).
- Due to health problems, he \_\_\_\_\_ (not/work) on the project.
- How long \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (dance)?

## B- Order the words to form sentences.

- time / she / been / long / a / waiting / for / hard  
\_\_\_\_\_
- the / had / living / they / been / in / not / country  
\_\_\_\_\_
- in / playing / they / been / the / had / rain  
\_\_\_\_\_

## C- Write sentences in the past perfect continuous form.

- She looked upset. ( her daughter /cry/fro hours)

Her daughter had been crying for hours.

- He had a fever. (he/walk/in the rain)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Claire got burnt. (she/use/the oven)



- The firefighters were exhausted. (they/ fight/ that fire/for hours.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- She got the first prize. (she / practise / every day / for weeks)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Jane was very angry. (she and her boyfriend /quarrel)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- They called the police. (someone / watch / their house).  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- We felt distant. ( we / argue / a lot)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Everybody was afraid. (the wind / blow/ very hard / and the waves were enormous)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## **Answer key**



### **A**

- 1. had been living**
- 2. had been hiding**
- 3. had been thinking**
- 4. had been drinking**
- 5. hadn't been working**
- 6. had...been dancing**

### **B**

- 1. She had been waiting for a long time.**
- 2. They had not been living in the country.**
- 3. They had been playing in the rain.**

### **C**

- 2. He had been walking in the rain.**
- 3. She had been using the oven.**
- 4. They had been fighting that fire for hours.**
- 5. She had been practicing every day for weeks.**
- 6. She and her boyfriend had been quarrelling.**
- 7. Someone had been watching their house.**
- 8. We had been arguing a lot.**
- 9. The wind had been blowing very hard and the waves were enormous.**