

Past Tenses

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Usage of the Past Perfect Progressive

- If you want to **describe** a longer lasting action which happened before another action
- Most of the time information are given about the **duration** from the long lasting action **until** the point where the new action starts



Tip

Remember that you build every progressive form with **to be + present participle**

How to build the Past Perfect Progressive:

	long version	contraction	present participle
I, you he, she, it we, you, they	had been	'd been	playing travelling eating running
I, you he, she, it we, you, they	had not been	hadn't been	playing travelling eating running

How to build question with the Past Perfect Progressive:

question		answer	
Had	I, you. Peter (he), Maria (she), the dog (it), me and my friends (we), you, the group (they)	Yes	I, you. Peter (he), Maria (she), the dog (it), me and my friends (we), you, the group (they)
Had not		No	
	been playing?		had. hadn't.



- ① Fill in the blanks the correct form of the verb. Be aware which two past tense forms you have to use, so that it makes sense. (Past Perfect Progressive, Past Perfect, Simple Past). Tip: Every sentence has one Past Perfect Progressive form.

to fly; to catch; to drive; to stop; to volunteer; to work; to come; to plan

- a) Mara _____ in a bakery when she _____ because of her new plans.

- b) She _____ to travel around South America for three months when she _____ back because of a lack of money.

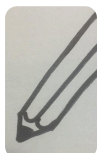
- c) Before she _____ back to Germany she _____ on a farm.

- d) She _____ to her flat when she heard that their multi-story building _____ fire.

- ② After a fire in a multi-story building the police officer asked the occupants what they were doing during the fire. He/she is hoping that the occupants had noticed something because it seems like an arsonist set the building on fire. Build groups of three. Do a little role play which you will show to the class later. The role play should tell the listener what the people were doing.



- You will need a police officer and an occupant
- The third person can be a story teller or a second police officer/occupant
- You can play it in a funny, serious or any other way. Main goal is to have fun with the practice of the Past Perfect Progressive.
- Try to use as much Past Perfect Progressive as possible



- ③ Write a story about your best experience in this class. Don't mention which one it is. Let your classmates guess your experience.

- Try to use as much Past Perfect Progressive as possible
- Write carefully so you don't tell directly about what you're talking
- But give some hints as well
- It can be anything you enjoyed