LEVEL UP

Past Perfect Continuous

Answer key

1 Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect Continuous or the Past Perfect.

1 I had been meaning (mean) to call you for weeks, and then you called me first.

2 Her hands were covered in paint. She had been painting (paint) the fence.

3 By the time they promoted her, she had been working (work) there for twelve years.

4 We had been having (have) a great time, so nobody wanted to leave the party.

5 I had known (know) Mike since college, so I trusted him completely.

6 He told me he had been sleeping (sleep) badly since the accident.

7 If I had been looking (look) at the road, I wouldn't have hit the mailbox.

8 How long had you been trying (try) to reach me before you gave up?

9 Customers had been asking (ask) for that feature for months before we finally built it.

10 She had called (call) me five times by noon.

2 Circle the correct words.

1 The kitchen was a mess and smelled of garlic. Dad _____.
(had been cooking) / has been cooking / had been cook

2 By the end of the day, I _____ forty ema
(had answered) / had been answering

3 I _____ him for ten years before I found out he had a twin brother. (had known) / had been knowing / have known

4 He looked exhausted. He _____ double
(had been working) / has been working

5 When she finally called, I told her I _____ to call her all week.
(had been meaning) / have been meaning / was meant

6 How long _____ before the doctors foun
(had she been feeling sick) / has she be

7 When I walked in, they stopped talking. They _____ about me.
(had been talking) / have been talking / had been talk

8 Her English was impressive. She _____
(had been living) / has been living / w

9 Last year he told me he _____ on that novel for a decade.
(had been working) / was working since / works

10 If we _____ so fast, the police wouldn't
(hadn't been driving) / don't drive / h

3 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 She had been called me all morning before I picked up.

She had been calling me all morning before I picked up.

2 They have been dating for two years when he proposed.

They had been dating for two years when he proposed.

3 I had been meant to fix that door for months.

I had been meaning to fix that door for months.

4 How long had you been try to sell the house?

How long had you been trying to sell the house?

5 The floor was wet because the kids has been splashing.

The floor was wet because the kids had been splashing.

6 If she had being listening, she would have heard her name.

If she had been listening, she would have heard her name.

7 He told us he had been work late every night.

He told us he had been working late every night.

8 We had been having trouble with the car since weeks.

We had been having trouble with the car for weeks.

9 His shirt was covered in grass. He had been mow the lawn.

His shirt was covered in grass. He had been mowing the lawn.

10 People had been complain about the Wi-Fi for days.

People had been complaining about the Wi-Fi for days.

4 Put the words in order to make sentences and questions.

1 had / to / her / write / meaning / I / to / been / .

I had been meaning to write to her.

2 been / had / working / you / how / long / there / left / before / you / ?

How long had you been working there before you left?

Answer key

4 **Put the words in order to make sentences and questions.**

3 had / because / they / were / moving / been / tired / they / week / all / .

They were tired because they had been moving all week.

4 him / were / she / kids / since / they / known / had / .

She had known him since they were kids.

5 been / had / she / me / all / emailing / week / .

She had been emailing me all week.

6 I / paying / wish / been / attention / more / I / had / .

I wish I had been paying more attention.

7 had / he / said / badly / he / sleeping / been / .

He said he had been sleeping badly.

8 in / kids / been / yard / had / the / what / doing / the / ?

What had the kids been doing in the yard?

9 by / I / written / that / evening / chapters / three / had / .

I had written three chapters by that evening.

10 we / having / the / had / problems / roof / been / fall / with / since / .

We had been having problems with the roof since fall.

YOUR LIFE

5 **Write about a time something finally changed. What had you been doing before that?**

I HAD BEEN... FOR... WHEN...

I HAD BEEN MEANING TO...

Answers will vary.