LEVEL UP

Past Perfect Continuous

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

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

2 Her hands were covered in paint. She _____ (paint) the fence.

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

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

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

6 He told me he _____ (sleep) badly since the accident.

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

8 How long _____ you _____ (try) to reach me before you gave up?

9 Customers _____ (ask) for that feature for months before we finally built it.

10 She _____ (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 emails.
had answered / had been answering / have 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 shifts all week.
had been working / has been working / was 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 found the problem?
had she been feeling sick / has she been feeling sick / had she been feel sick

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

2 Circle the correct words.

8 Her English was impressive. She _____ in Chicago for only a year.
had been living / has been living / was been living

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 have stopped us.
hadn't been driving / don't drive / haven't been driving

3 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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...