



## Tenses challenge day 27 quiz: Past perfect continuous

1: Do we use the past perfect continuous to say 'how long' with...

- a) things that started before and continued up to a second time in the past?
- b) things that started in the past and continued up to the present?

2: Can we use the past perfect continuous with stative verbs?

- a) Yes.
- b) No.

3: When we want to say 'how long' for something that started before and continued up to a second point in the past, we use the past perfect continuous for...

- a) one action that has an ending.
- b) a continuous action when it's talking about a short period of time.
- c) both short continuous actions and actions that have endings.

4: We can choose either the past perfect simple or the past perfect continuous to say 'how long' with...

- a) stative verbs.
- b) continuous and repeated actions.
- c) actions that have endings that are not repeated.

5: We can also use the past perfect continuous to...

- a) talk about something that stopped just before a second point in the past.
- b) talk about irregular habits in the past.

6: We might use the past perfect continuous about something that stopped just before a second point in the past...

- a) to explain something else that was true at the second point.
- b) to show how we feel about the action that stopped.

7: We often use the past perfect and not the past perfect continuous to say 'how long' when...

- a) we ask a question.
- b) we use a negative sentence.

8: We often use the past perfect simple and not the past perfect continuous when something that stopped before a second point...

- a) is complete (we don't need to do any more work).
- b) is not complete, even if we stopped doing the action.

9: We can also use the past perfect continuous for...

- a) an action that overlaps a second shorter action in the past.
- b) guesses about the past.

10: How is the past perfect continuous different from the past continuous, when we're talking about a longer overlapping action in the past?

- a) The past perfect continuous makes it clear that the longer action continues after the second action happens.
- b) The past perfect continuous makes it clear that the longer actions stops when the second action happens.

## Answers

1: Do we use the past perfect continuous to say 'how long' with...

- a) things that started before and continued up to a second time in the past?

2: Can we use the past perfect continuous with stative verbs?

- b) No.

3: When we want to say 'how long' for something that started before and continued up to a second point in the past, we use the past perfect continuous for...

- c) both short continuous actions and actions that have endings.

4: We can choose either the past perfect simple or the past perfect continuous to say 'how long' with...

- b) continuous and repeated actions.

5: We can also use the past perfect continuous to...

- a) talk about something that stopped just before a second point in the past.

6: We might use the past perfect continuous about something that stopped just before a second point in the past...

- a) to explain something else that was true at the second point.

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- a) is complete (we don't need to do any more work).

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- a) an action that overlaps a second shorter action in the past.

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- b) The past perfect continuous makes it clear that the longer actions stops when the second action happens.