



## Tenses challenge day 27 exercise: Past perfect continuous

Make sentences. You might need any past tense.

1: You work in an office. This morning, you arrived at work at 9am and the electricity stopped working at 10am. A colleague asks 'how long'. Start with 'I' and use the verb phrase 'work for one hour when the electricity went off'.

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2: You work in an office. This morning, you arrived at work at 9am and the electricity stopped working at 10am. Tell your colleague. Start with 'when the electricity went off, I' and use the verb phrase 'already start work'.

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3: You work in an office. This morning, you started work at 9am and the electricity stopped at 10am. Tell your colleague. Start with 'when the electricity went off, I' and use the verb 'work'.

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4: This morning, you arrived at work at 9am and the electricity stopped working at 10am. Then you decide to call your boss. Tell your colleague. Start with 'when the electricity went off, I' and use the verb phrase 'call my boss'.

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5: You have a magazine to read. You start reading at 3pm and at 4pm you are still reading. Tell a friend the next day. Start with 'at 4pm, I' and use the verb phrase 'read the magazine for one hour'.

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6: You have a magazine to read. You start reading at 3pm and at 4pm you are still reading. Tell a friend the next day. Start with 'at 4pm, I' and use the verb phrase 'read the magazine'.

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7: You have a magazine to read. You start reading at 3pm and finish the whole magazine at 3:30. Tell a friend the next day. Start with 'at 4pm, I' and use the verb phrase 'read the magazine'.

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8: You have a magazine to read. You start reading at 3pm and finish the whole magazine at 3:30. Tell a friend the next day. Start with 'at 3pm, I' and use the verb phrase 'read the magazine'.

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9: You have a magazine to read. You start reading at 3pm and finish at 3:30. Tell a friend 'how long' the time you didn't read the magazine was. Start with 'at 4pm, I' and use the negative verb phrase 'read the magazine for half an hour'.

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10: Two years ago you started taking piano lessons and one year ago you performed in a concert. Tell a friend 'how long'. Start with 'I' and use the verb phrase 'take piano lessons for one year when I performed in the concert'. Don't use the past perfect simple.

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11: Two years ago you started taking piano lessons and you took piano lessons every week until six months ago. One year ago you performed in a concert. Tell a friend. Start with 'I' and use the verb phrase 'take piano lessons when I performed in the concert'.

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12: You used to take piano lessons but you stopped a year ago. Six months ago you performed in a concert. Explain this to a friend. Start with 'I' and use the negative verb phrase 'take piano lessons for six months when I performed in the concert'.

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13: Last night, you started watching TV at 8pm and you fell asleep on the sofa around 10pm. The next day, tell a friend 'how long'. Start with 'I' and use the verb phrase 'watch TV for two hours when I fell asleep'.

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14: Last night, you started watching your favourite TV show at 8pm and finished at 9pm. Then you went to bed at 10pm. A friend asks the next day if you managed to watch the whole show before bed. Tell him. Start with 'I' and use the verb phrase 'finish watching the show when I went to bed'.

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15: Last night, you started watching your favourite TV show at 8pm and finished at 9pm. Then you went to bed at 10pm. A friend asks the next day if you managed to watch the whole show before bed. Tell him. Start with 'I' and use the verb phrase 'finish watching the show before I went to bed'. Don't use the past perfect simple.

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16: Last night, you started watching your favourite TV show at 8pm and finished at 9pm. Then you went to bed at 10pm. A friend asks the next day if you managed to watch the whole show before bed. Tell him. Start with 'I' and use the verb phrase 'finish watching the show before I went to bed'. Don't use the past simple.

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17: You passed your driving test last year and then you bought a car a few weeks later. Tell a friend. Start with 'I' and use the verb phrase 'drive for a few weeks when I bought a car'. Don't use the past perfect simple.

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18: You passed your driving test last year and then you bought a car a few weeks later. Tell a friend. Start with 'by the time I bought a car, I' and use the verb phrase 'pass my test'.

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19: Normally you don't drive much, but last year you needed to drive a lot for work. Then you drove to France for a holiday and the drive was easy because of all the practice. Tell a friend about this temporary habit. Start with 'I' and use the verb phrase 'drive a lot so I was happy to drive to France'.

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20: Yesterday you left your friend's house at 9am and drove all the way to your house. It took ten hours. So you went to sleep as soon as you got home. The next day another friend asks you why you didn't come to a party. Tell her about the driving. Start with 'I' and use the verb phrase 'drive all day so I was very tired'.

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## Answers to Situations Exercise 14 – Past Perfect Continuous

1. I'd been working for one hour when the electricity went off.
2. When the electricity went off, I had already started work.
3. When the electricity went off, I was working.
4. When the electricity went off, I called my boss.
5. At 4pm, I'd been reading the magazine for one hour.
6. At 4pm, I was reading the magazine.
7. At 4pm, I'd read the magazine.
8. At 3pm, I read the magazine.
9. At 4pm, I hadn't read the magazine for half an hour.
10. I'd been taking piano lessons for one year when I performed in the concert.
11. I was taking piano lessons when I performed in the concert.
12. I hadn't taken piano lessons for six months when I performed in the concert.
13. I'd been watching TV for two hours when I fell asleep.
14. I'd finished watching the show when I went to bed.
15. I finished watching the show before I went to bed.
16. I'd finished watching the show before I went to bed.
17. I'd been driving for a few weeks when I bought a car.
18. By the time I bought a car, I'd passed my test.
19. I'd been driving a lot so I was happy to drive to France.
20. I'd been driving all day so I was very tired.