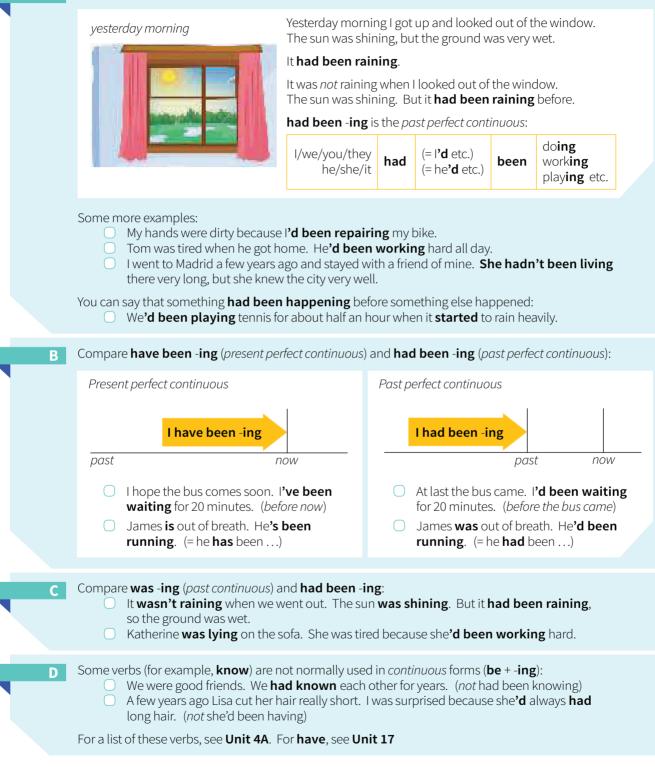
Past perfect continuous (I had been doing)

A Study this example situation:



Exercises

16.1 Read the situations and make sentences using the words in brackets. 1 Tom was very tired when he got home. (He/work/hard all day) He'd been working hard all day. 2 The children came into the house. They had a football and they were both very tired. (They / play / football) ... 3 I was disappointed when I had to cancel my holiday. (I / look / forward to it) ... 4 Anna woke up in the middle of the night. She was frightened and didn't know where she was. (She / have / a bad dream) 5 When I got home. Mark was sitting in front of the TV. He had just turned it off. (He / watch / a film) 6 The people waiting at the bus stop were getting impatient. The bus was very late. (They / wait / a long time) 16.2 Read the situations and complete the sentences. 1 We played tennis vesterday. We didn't finish our game. We'd been playing (We / play) for half an hour when it started (it / start) to rain. 2 I had arranged to meet Tom in a restaurant. I arrived and waited for him to come. (I / wait) for 20 minutes when ... (I / realise) that (I / be) in the wrong restaurant. 3 Sarah worked in a company for a long time. The company no longer exists. At the time the company (go) out of business, Sarah ... (work) there for twelve years. 4 I went to a concert. Soon after the orchestra began playing, something strange happened. The orchestra(play) for about ten minutes when a man in the audience suddenly..... (start) shouting. Now make your own sentence: 5 I began walking along the road. I..... when 16.3 Which is right? 1 It was noisy next door last night. Our neighbours were having / had been having a party. (were having *is correct*) 2 At the end of our journey we were extremely tired. We were travelling / We'd been travelling for more than 24 hours. 3 James was on his hands and knees on the floor. He was looking / He'd been looking for his contact lens. 4 Sue was sitting on the ground. She was out of breath. She was running / She'd been running. 5 John and I went for a walk. <u>He was walking / He'd been walking very fast and I had difficulty keeping</u> up with him. 6 I was sad when I sold my car. I've had it / I'd had it for a very long time. 7 I was sad when my local cafe closed. <u>I was going / I'd been going there for many years</u>. 8 I'm running a marathon next month. I've been training / I'd been training for it every day. 9 I had arranged to meet Kate, but I was late. When I finally arrived, she was waiting / she'd been waiting for me. She was annoyed because she was waiting / she'd been waiting such a long time. 10a Joe and I work for the same company. He joined the company before me. When I started a few years ago, he was already working / he'd already been working there. 10b I started working at the company a few years ago. At the time I started, Joe was already working / had already been working there for two years. 10c Joe still works for the company. <u>He's been working / He'd been working there a long time now.</u>

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