

Name _____

Prior Continuity Answer Key

Sample Answers (students' responses may vary)

1. The student **had been studying** all night before falling asleep.
2. The soccer player **had been running** and **had been sliding** on the wet field.
3. The family **had been driving** for hours before they reached the restaurant.
4. The dog **had been chewing** on the shoe.
5. The travelers **had been waiting** for a long time before the train arrived.
6. The guests **had been singing** "Happy Birthday" before the cake was brought out.

Teacher Notes

- Encourage students to visualize the **moment before** and describe the action using **had been + verb-ing**.
- Accept a range of logical answers as long as the tense is correct.
- Extend the task: ask students to **draw their own quick sketch** of a moment and write what had been happening before.
- This activity links grammar with **storytelling and imagination**, making the past perfect continuous more meaningful.