

## Word Bank Continuity Answer Key

1. She was exhausted because she **had been studying** for the exam all night.
2. The ground was muddy since it **had been raining** for hours.
3. He missed the bus because he **had been running** too slowly.
4. The kids were hungry because they **had been eating** lunch early.
5. By the time we arrived, they **had been waiting** for more than thirty minutes.
6. My father was tired because he **had been working** in the office since morning.
7. The baby was cranky because it **had been sleeping** only a little while.
8. The musicians were confident because they **had been practicing** together all week.
9. We were excited because we **had been traveling** across Europe for two months.
10. She was sweaty because she **had been playing** basketball before dinner.

### Teacher Notes

- Focus: Learners must apply **had been + verb-ing** correctly.
- The **word bank** limits options, guiding students while still requiring accurate tense use.
- Encourage students to read full sentences aloud after filling the blanks to hear the **flow of cause and effect**.
- Differentiation:
  - For struggling students, underline time markers like *since*, *for*, *before* to signal the tense.
  - For advanced learners, extend the activity by removing the word bank and asking them to supply their own verbs.