

Rewriting Continuity Answer Key

Sample Answers

1. She **had been studying** for three hours before the test started.
2. They **had been playing** soccer before it began to rain.
3. I **had been watching** TV before my parents came home.
4. They **had been traveling** for many years before they settled down.
5. She **had been practicing** the piano for hours before her recital began.
6. They **had been arguing** loudly before the teacher walked in.
7. He **had been sleeping** peacefully before the alarm went off.
8. The students **had been whispering** in class before the teacher asked them to stop.
9. I **had been working** all afternoon before my boss gave me a break.

Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to focus on “**had been + verb-ing**” structure.
- Remind them that the past perfect continuous describes an **ongoing action** that was happening before another **completed past event**.
- For Part C, accept a range of logical answers as long as the verb tense is correct.
- This activity not only practices form but also **contextual understanding** of when to use past perfect continuous.