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Rainy Retell

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Then, retell the story in your own words using **at least five sentences in the past perfect continuous tense** (*had been + verb-ing*). Focus on describing the ongoing actions that were happening before other events occurred.

The Rainy Day Picnic

Emma and her friends had planned a picnic at the park. They brought baskets full of food, blankets, and games. When they arrived, dark clouds covered the sky. A few minutes later, heavy rain began to pour, and everyone rushed to find shelter under a gazebo. Even though their picnic was ruined, they laughed about how hard they had tried to make it perfect.

Example starter: *They had been planning the picnic all week...*
