

Rainy Retell Answer Key

Sample Retell (students' answers will vary):

1. They **had been planning** the picnic all week.
2. They **had been gathering** food and blankets before they left.
3. They **had been carrying** baskets full of games and snacks.
4. The clouds showed that it **had been raining** nearby.
5. They laughed because they **had been hoping** the day would be sunny.

Teacher Notes

- Key focus: Students must transform a **reading comprehension task** into a **grammar-focused retell**.
- Accept any retelling that is logical, coherent, and includes **five or more correct uses of past perfect continuous**.
- Encourage students to underline their five **had been + verb-ing** sentences.
- Differentiation:
 - For support, provide a **word bank** (planning, gathering, carrying, raining, hoping).
 - For challenge, ask students to extend the story by adding **two original sentences** in past perfect continuous.