

Continuous Conversion Answer Key

Present Continuous → Past Perfect Continuous

1. She **had been studying** for the exam.
2. They **had been playing** basketball in the park.
3. I **had been working** on my homework.

Past Continuous → Past Perfect Continuous

4. He **had been reading** a novel when I called.
5. They **had been singing** loudly before the show began.
6. I **had been writing** an essay before dinner.

Mixed Challenge (answers may vary; samples provided)

7. He **had been running** in the park before it started to rain.
8. They **had been practicing** for the concert before the audience arrived.
9. She **had been painting** a picture before she spilled the paint.
10. I **had been cleaning** my room before my guests came.

Teacher Notes:

- Emphasize the “**had been + verb-ing**” structure in every rewritten sentence.
- Remind students that the past perfect continuous is used to show an **ongoing action that was already happening before another past event**.
- For Part C, allow creativity; students can complete the second clause in different logical ways as long as the tense remains correct.
- You can extend the drill by asking students to create their own sentences in present or past continuous and then swap with a partner to transform.