

Past Perfect Tales Answer Key

Sample Completions (student answers will vary)

Story 1: The Missing Homework

- She **had been working** on the problems all night.
- She **had been checking** her answers carefully before bed.
- She realized she **had been leaving** the paper on the kitchen table.

Story 2: The Rainy Afternoon

- He **had been walking** home from school when the storm began.
- He **had been playing** soccer outside with friends.
- He **had been ignoring** the dark clouds in the sky.

Story 3: The Tired Traveler

- She **had been carrying** heavy luggage all morning.
- She **had been standing** in long lines at the airport.
- She **had been running** to catch the train before it left.

Teacher Notes

- Students should focus on making their endings **logical and coherent** with the setup of the story.
- Accept any creative completions as long as they use **had been + verb-ing** correctly.
- Encourage students to use time clues (e.g., *for hours, all morning, before that, since yesterday*) to strengthen their past perfect continuous sentences.
- This activity blends **grammar practice with narrative writing**, helping students apply tense rules in meaningful contexts.