

Past Perfect Continuous or Past Simple 1

Complete the sentences using past perfect continuous or past simple.

1. I _____ (read) for two hours, so I decided to take a break.
2. **A:** _____ (why/the floor/be) so wet?
B: Someone _____ (mop) it.
3. I _____ (not/meet) Sarah last week because she _____ (work) late, so we couldn't talk.
4. It _____ (snow) all night, and the roads _____ (be) slippery.
5. When we _____ (get) to the party, it was clear that they _____ (dance) for a while.
6. She _____ (not/have) time to cook, so when her family arrived, dinner _____ (not/be) ready.
7. _____ (how long/they/travel)? They were exhausted when they got to my hotel.
8. He _____ (exercise) regularly during those years, so he felt fit and healthy.
9. The teacher _____ (not/explain) the lesson well, so the students _____ (be) confused.
10. She _____ (water) the plants early in the morning, so her garden _____ (smell) fresh.



Answers

1. I **had been reading** for two hours, so I decided to take a break.
2. **A: Why was the floor** so wet?
B: Someone **had been mopping** it.
3. I **didn't meet** Sarah last week because she **had been working** late, so we couldn't talk.
4. It **had been snowing** all night, and the roads **were** slippery.
5. When we **got** to the party, it was clear that they **had been dancing** for a while.
6. She **didn't have** time to cook, so when her family arrived, dinner **wasn't** ready.
7. **How long had they been travel(l)ing?** They were exhausted when they got to my hotel.
8. He **exercised** regularly during those years, so he felt fit and healthy.
9. The teacher **didn't explain** the lesson well, so the students **were** confused.
10. She **had been watering** the plants early in the morning, so her garden **smelled** fresh.

