Choose the right option: past simple or past perfect continuous.
In some cases, both options are correct.

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2. They **played / had been playing** video games all night, so they **were / had been being** very tired the next day.

3. She **didn't study / hadn't been studying** for her exams before she took them.

4. We **walked / had been walking** in the park when it suddenly **started / had been starting** to rain.

5. He **worked / had been working** on the project for months before he **submitted / had been submitting** it.

6. **A:** Why **did you look / had you been looking** so upset?

   B: I **had / had been having** a rough day at work.

7. We **didn't discuss / hadn't been discussing** the issue for a while when the manager **joined / had been joining** the meeting.

8. He **drove / had been driving** for two hours when he **realized / had been realizing** he was lost.

9. A: Why **did you cry / had you been crying** during the movie?

   B: I **felt / had been feeling** very emotional.

10. I **didn't read / hadn't been reading** the book for a long time before I **finished / had been finishing** it.

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Answers

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6. **A:** Why *did you look* so upset?

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9. **A:** Why *did you cry* during the movie?

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10. I *hadn't been reading* the book for a long time before I *finished* it.