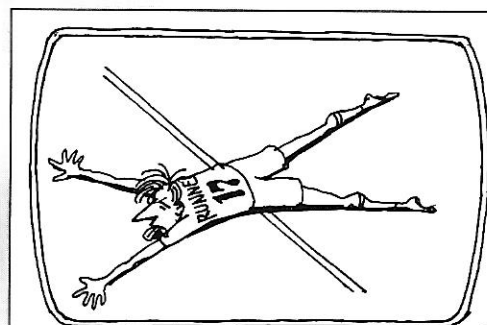


UNIT 18

Past Perfect Progressive



By the time
the last runner crossed
the finish line, he **had been**
running 7 hours, 16 minutes,
and 24 seconds.

CHECK POINT

Circle T (True) or F (False).

T F The race is finished.

CHART CHECK

Check the correct
answer.

What form of **be**
does the past
perfect progressive
always use?

- ☐ **was** or **were**
☐ **is**, **am**, or **are**
☐ **been**

STATEMENTS

SUBJECT	HAD (NOT) BEEN	BASE FORM OF VERB + -ING	
I/He/She/It/We/You*/They	had (not) been	running working	all day.

*You is both singular and plural.

YES/NO QUESTIONS

HAD	SUBJECT	BEEN	BASE FORM + -ING	
Had	she	been	running working	all day?

SHORT ANSWERS

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Yes, she had .	No, she hadn't .

WH- QUESTIONS

WH- WORD	HAD	SUBJECT	BEEN	BASE FORM + -ING
How long Why	had	she	been	running? working?

EXPRESS CHECK

Complete this conversation with the past perfect progressive form of the verb practice.

A: How long _____ she _____ when she entered the race?

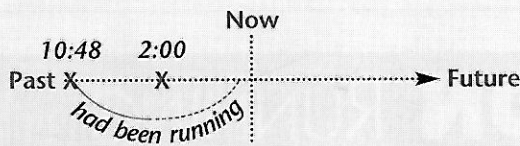
B: She _____ for more than two years.

A: _____ she _____ alone?

B: No, she _____. She _____ with a partner.

Grammar Explanations

1. Use the **past perfect progressive** to talk about an action that was in progress before a specific time in the past. The progressive emphasizes the continuation of an action, not the end result.



REMEMBER! Non-action verbs are not usually used in the progressive.

Examples

- It was 2:00 P.M. The runners **had been running** since 10:48 A.M.
- I finally saw Rob at 4:00 P.M. I **had been waiting** for hours.
- One runner fainted. She **hadn't been drinking** enough water.
- It was 5:00 P.M. He **had had** a headache all day.
NOT He ~~had been having~~ a headache all day.

2. The **past perfect progressive** always shows a relationship with another past event.

Use the past perfect progressive for the earlier event. Use the simple past tense for the later event.

- She **had been practicing** for three years when she **entered** the race.
(First she practiced. Then she entered the race.)

3. We often use the **past perfect progressive** to draw conclusions about past events based on evidence.

- She was out of breath. It was clear that she **had been running**.
- The streets were wet. It **had been raining**.

4. **BE CAREFUL!** In these sentences with **when**, notice the difference in meaning between the past progressive and the past perfect progressive.

- **When** the race started, it **was raining** and the streets were wet.
(It was still raining during the race.)
- **When** the race started, it **had been raining** and the streets were wet.
(It wasn't raining during the race. It had already stopped.)

1

MATCH • Each result has a cause. Match the result with the correct cause.

Result	Cause
<u> b </u> 1. She was out of breath.	a. He had been reading.
<u> </u> 2. The ground was wet.	b. She had been running.
<u> </u> 3. Her eyes were red.	c. They had been watching the race.
<u> </u> 4. There was an open book on the couch.	d. She had been crying.
<u> </u> 5. There were empty cans on the floor.	e. It had been raining.
<u> </u> 6. The TV was on.	f. They had been drinking soda.

2

COMPLETE • Read this story from a magazine article. Complete it with the past perfect progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.



MARATHON RUNNING



By BERNADINE MARTIN

On October 23, I ran the Boston Marathon with a partner, Marcia Davis. We had been training ^{1. (train)} together since last year, and we ^{2. (plan)} to enter the race ever since we saw Oprah

in the Washington Marathon. The start of the race was dramatic. Up to that point, we ^{3. (joke and laugh)}, but we were very serious when we lined up. I was so nervous I couldn't breathe. Marcia and I ^{4. (practice)} on those same streets for a couple of weeks, so at the beginning we did well. By the time we got to Heartbreak Hill, we ^{5. (run)} for almost four hours, and I really believed we could finish. Then, halfway up the hill, Marcia stopped. She just couldn't run anymore. We ^{6. (look forward)} to this race for so long that I didn't want to go on alone, but Marcia wanted me to finish. When I got to the finish line, I saw Marcia. She ^{7. (wait)} for me for three hours. First we cried. Then we started talking about next year's marathon.

3

CHOOSE & COMPLETE • The magazine Runner's World (RW) is interviewing marathon winner Paolo Esposito (PE). Complete the interview with the past perfect progressive form of the correct verbs from the box. Use short answers where appropriate.

date expect live ~~practice~~ run

RW: You just won the marathon. _____ Had you *been practicing* _____ long for it?
1.

PE: _____ Yes, I had _____ . For more than five years. First in Madrid,
2.
then in Rome.

RW: You tripped during the race. How long _____ when
3.
that happened?

PE: It was in the last hour. Luckily it didn't keep me from winning.

RW: I understand that you recently married your trainer, Emilia Leale. How long
_____ each other when you decided to get married?
4.

PE: About six months. We met in Rome and knew right away that we wanted to
be together.

RW: _____ in Rome for a long time when you met?
5.

PE: _____ . In fact, I had just moved there.
6.

RW: When you crossed the finish line you looked very calm.

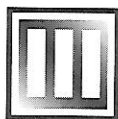
_____ to win?
7.

PE: _____ ! I was really surprised. And very happy.
8.

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EDIT • Read part of an entry from a runner's journal. Find and correct five mistakes in the use of the past perfect progressive. The first mistake is already corrected.

<div> <p>○</p> </div>	<p>October 19,</p> <p>I just got back from the marathon! I'm tired but very happy. When I crossed the finish line, I have ^{had} been running for four hours and twenty-five minutes. Jeremy was standing there. He had been waited for me the whole time. We were both soaking wet—I, because I had been sweating; he, because it has been raining just a little while before. I was so glad to see him. I had been look forward to this day for so long and hoping that I could finish the race in less than four and a half hours. When I got home, I called my parents. They had watching the marathon on TV and had actually seen me cross the finish line!</p>
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SECTION ONE

Circle the letter of the correct answer to complete each sentence.

EXAMPLE:

Jennifer never _____ coffee.

- (A) drink (C) is drinking
(B) drinks (D) was drinking

A **B** C D

1. He _____ for the Olympics since 1998.
(A) practiced (C) has been practicing
(B) practices (D) was practicing A B C D
2. We've known Sally _____ a long time.
(A) since (C) while
(B) by (D) for A B C D
3. We've been living in Montreal since we _____.
(A) have graduated (C) graduated
(B) have been graduating (D) graduate A B C D
4. They haven't _____ an AIDS vaccine.
(A) yet developed (C) developed already
(B) developed yet (D) already develop A B C D
5. _____ you reserved your hotel room yet?
(A) Did (C) Do
(B) Have (D) Has A B C D
6. She hasn't _____ very often.
(A) flew (C) flown
(B) flies (D) flying A B C D
7. It _____ and the ground was still white.
(A) snows (C) would snow
(B) had been snowing (D) has snowed A B C D
8. Tina _____ last week.
(A) has arrived (C) has been arriving
(B) arrived (D) arrives A B C D
9. They _____ here for three years before they moved.
(A) live (C) had lived
(B) have lived (D) have been living A B C D
10. The show has _____ won an award.
(A) just (C) lately
(B) ever (D) yet A B C D

11. Professor Kidd _____ three books since 1999, and she's working on her fourth. A B C D
 (A) has been writing (C) wrote
 (B) has written (D) writes
12. We _____ to buy that car yet. A B C D
 (A) haven't decided (C) have decided
 (B) decided (D) are deciding
13. —Has Maria called yet?
 —Yes, she _____. But she didn't leave a message. A B C D
 (A) did (C) hasn't
 (B) called (D) has
14. Since I _____ school, I haven't had much spare time. A B C D
 (A) begun (C) have begun
 (B) began (D) begin

SECTION TWO

Each sentence has four underlined words or phrases. The four underlined parts of the sentence are marked A, B, C, and D. Circle the letter of the one underlined word or phrase that is NOT CORRECT.

EXAMPLE:

Mike usually drives to school, but today he walks.

A B C D

15. When she was younger, she has played tennis every day. A B C D
 A B C D
16. It's already 10:00, but Teri hasn't finished her homework already. A B C D
 A B C D
17. I've been worrying about you because you haven't been seeming well lately. A B C D
 A B C D
18. I've read a good book recently, but I haven't finished it yet. A B C D
 A B C D
19. Did you written your paper, or have you been watching TV? A B C D
 A B C D
20. Karl has been driving since ten years. A B C D
 A B C D
21. We've been here only one day, but we've been taking three rolls of film. A B C D
 A B C D
22. This hotel has been already in business for fifty years. A B C D
 A B C D
23. How much coffee did you been drinking last night? A B C D
 A B C D
24. I've been studying French since I've started high school. A B C D
 A B C D
25. Before she became a film star, she has been a stand-up comedian. A B C D
 A B C D