Past Perfect Continuous Exercises

Questions

A. Complete with the past perfect continuous

What _____ Frank _____ ? (do)
→ What ___had___ Frank ___been doing___?

1. _____ you _____ a lot before the test? (study)
2. Where _____ they _____ before they moved? (live)
3. Why _____ she _____ so hard? (train)
4. How long _____ he _____ for that company? (work)
5. _____ it _____ all morning? (rain)
6. Why _____ we _____ for so long? (wait)
7. _____ Sarah _____ enough before the exam? (sleep)
8. Why _____ Jack _____ so much money? (spend)
9. How long _____ they _____ the house? (paint)
10. How long _____ the students _____ for the performance? (practise)

B. Make past perfect continuous questions

you / cook dinner? → Had you been cooking dinner?

11. it / rain? _____
12. what / you / look for? _____
13. where / they / wait? _____
14. we / make progress? _____
15. why / he / text you? _____
16. what / the students / make? _____
17. how long / Alex and his friends / play? _____
18. the dog / sleep on your bed? _____
19. I / drink too much coffee? _____
20. how long / Dylan / sit there? _____

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Answers

A.

1. **Had** you **been studying** a lot before the test?
2. Where **had** they **been living** before they moved?
3. Why **had** she **been training** so hard?
4. How long **had** he **been working** for that company?
5. **Had** it **been raining** all morning?
6. Why **had** we **been waiting** for so long?
7. **Had** Sarah **been sleeping** enough before the exam?
8. Why **had** Jack **been spending** so much money?
9. How long **had** they **been painting** the house?
10. How long **had** the students **been practising** for the performance?
    (US: practice → practicing)

B.

11. Had it been raining?
12. What had you been looking for?
13. Where had they been waiting?
14. Had we been making progress?
15. Why had he been texting you?
16. What had the students been making?
17. How long had Alex and his friends been playing?
18. Had the dog been sleeping on your bed?
19. Had I been drinking too much coffee?
20. How long had Dylan been sitting there?

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