

Grammar: The past perfect continuous
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5 Complete the sentences, using the Past Perfect Continuous form of the verbs in bracket.

1. **A:** When I saw you yesterday, you looked really tired.

B: Yes, I had been running for half an hour. (run)

2. My mother lost her purse yesterday. She had been shopping in the market; she must have put it down somewhere and left it there. (shop)

3. I made my mother a cup of tea. She was hot and tired; she had been cooking all afternoon for a special family dinner. (cook)

6 Complete the sentences by choosing the correct verb forms.

Hind (1) **has / had** been working very hard for several weeks before she did her final exams. When the results were published, she was delighted to learn that she (2) **has / had** passed. She (3) **has / had** done extremely well. She (4) **phoned / had phoned** her parents from the college. They (5) **were / had been** waiting for her call all morning. When she arrived home an hour later, there was a surprise for her. For several weeks, her parents (6) **planned / had been planning** a special weekend away to the Jerash Festival.

They (7) **have / had** managed to make it a surprise for Hind, even though they (8) **were / had been** using the family computer to make all the arrangements! Hind was delighted. She (9) **has / had been** talking about the

Jerash Festival for months; and now the whole family was going! It was a wonderful graduation present.

Speaking

7 Work in pairs. Use the time periods in the box to talk about things you had been doing.

by 5 a.m. this morning - by the time I was ten - by the time my friend phoned me .

I *had been sleeping* for five hours *by 5 a.m this morning*,
By the time I was ten, I *had been playing* the piano for five years,

By the time my friend phoned me, I *had been studying* for three hours,