6B − Preview Answers

You try

Complete the sentences by putting the words into the correct tense.
Matt was very tired last night. He *had been working* hard all day. (work)

1. My mother was very worried yesterday. She **had been looking for** her cat all day. (look for)

2. We **had been hiking** for two hours when it started to rain. (hike)

3. Liam was very sunburnt. He **had been lying** on the beach all day. (lie)

4. When the train arrived I **had been waiting** for half an hour. (wait)

5. Before he moved to Paris, Jack **had been studying** French twice a week. (study)

6. When I arrived at the soccer ground, everyone **had been playing** for 20 minutes. (play)

Try these

Read the information to complete the sentences.
I rode the train to work. After 20 minutes on the train I realised that I had forgotten my bag.
I had been riding the train for 20 minutes when I realised I had forgotten my bag.

1. Penny moved to Australia two years ago. I visited her last month.
When I visited Penny, she **had been living** in Australia for two years.
2. David felt sick last Friday. He still felt sick on Sunday so he went to see the doctor.
David **had been feeling sick** for two days when he went to see the doctor.
3. We went to a Mexican restaurant last weekend. We started eating dinner. After about ten minutes the band started to play.
We **had been eating for about 10 minutes** when the band started to play.
4. I bought a new car and drove it every day. After two weeks it broke down.
When my car broke down, I **had been driving it** for two weeks.
5. My daughter talked on the phone for two hours. She finally stopped and I could make a phone call.
By the time I could make a phone call **my daughter had been talking on the phone for two hours**.
6. I worked for ten hours before I finished and went home.
By the time I finished, I **had been working for 10 hours**.

Try your own   *Answers will vary.*

I started walking to the station.
I had been walking for five minutes when I saw a funny looking man on the side of the road.
1. I started walking to the station.
   I **had been walking for 10 minutes** when **it started to rain**.
2. I met my friend at the station.
   We **had been talking for a few minutes** when **the train arrived**.
3. I got on the train.
   I **had been riding the train for only a minute** when **it came to a stop**.
4. I went to the gym.
   I **had been lifting weights for about an hour** when **I stopped for a drink of water**.
5. I went shopping.
   I **had been shopping in the supermarket for a few minutes** when **I heard a loud noise**.

What had you been doing before you started studying today?
Before I started studying today I had been cleaning my house and doing the dishes.