

# Past perfect continuous

## Exercise 3. Complete the lines with one of the options. \_\_\_\_\_

I had been using that phone for a year .....

- when I bought it
- when it stopped working

George had been phoning Kate .....

- before he crashed
- several times

..... because I'd been exercising all afternoon.

- I have enough of it
- I had enough of it

Sarah had been going out with me .....

- until she changed her job
- after she changed her job

We'd been writing ..... before lunch.

- three tests
- tests

They had been decorating their bedroom. ....

- The paint was everywhere.
- It was ready to use again.

I'd been eating vegetarian meals ..... when I gave up.

- three times
- for three years

..... he had been sailing on big ships.

- Before my dad retired
- My dad was a sailor and

Somebody had been drinking my apple juice. ....

- There was nothing left.
- The glass was nearly empty.

I'd been chatting with my friends.....

- that's why my mum was angry
- that's why my mum had been angry

# Answer key

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*Before my dad retired* he had been sailing on big ships.

Somebody had been drinking my apple juice. *The glass was nearly empty*.

I'd been chatting with my friends *that's why my mum was angry*.