

# Past perfect continuous: exercise 5

## Key with answers

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A Sam, how long had you been repairing the laptop before it started working?

B The laptop? It took me five hours to repair it.

A I was so tired at the end of the hike!

B But we had not been walking so much.

A Why was your shirt full of stains?

B I had been cleaning my car.

A You looked so exhausted.

B But I had not been working so hard.

A Why did Sarah get sunburnt?

B Because she had been lying on the beach all day.

A Mr. Clark, why were you so annoyed?

B Because they had not been listening to my arguments at all.

A Had you been coughing for a long time when you saw the doctor?

B Not really. For two or three days.

A Miss Jones, how long had you been learning French when you moved to France?

B To tell the truth I'd never learned French before that.

A Hi, Sam. Did you talk to Susan at last?

B Yes, I did. But she had not been speaking to me for a week before that.

A The police finally caught the bank robbers early in the morning.

B I know. They had been looking for them day and night.