

Past perfect continuous

Exercise 5. Complete the dialogues with positive and negative forms. _____

A Sam, how long the laptop before it started working? (you | repair)

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

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

B But so much. (we | not walk)

A Why was your shirt full of stains?

B my car. (I | clean)

A You looked so exhausted.

B Really? But so hard. (I | not work)

A Why did Sarah get sunburnt?

B Because on the beach all day. (she | lie)

A Mr. Clark, why were you so annoyed?

B Because to my arguments at all. (they | not listen)

A for a long time when you saw the doctor? (you | cough)

B Not really. For two or three days.

A Miss Jones, how long French when you moved to France?
(you | learn)

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 to me for a week before that. (she | not speak)

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

B I know. for them day and night. (they | look)

Answer key

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

But we had not been walking so much.

I had been cleaning my car.

But I had not been working so hard.

Because she had been lying on the beach all day.

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

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

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

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

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