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Past Perfect Continuous   *(In italiano non esiste un tempo corrispondente.)*

I had been working	= *(Io avevo lavorato)*
You had been working	= *(Tu avevi lavorato)*
He had been working	= *(Egli aveva lavorato) ecc.*

Forma Positiva

I	had been	working
you	had been	working
he	had been	working
we	had been	working
you	had been	working
they	had been	working

Forma Interrogativa

had	I	been	working?
had	you	been	working?
had	he	been	working?
had	we	been	working?
had	you	been	working?
had	they	been	working?

Forma Negativa

I	had not been	working
you	had not been	working
he	had not been	working
we	had not been	working
you	had not been	working
they	had not been	working

Forma Contratta

I	hadn't been	working
you	hadn't been	working
he	hadn't been	working
we	hadn't been	working
you	hadn't been	working
they	hadn't been	working

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Il "Past Perfect Continuous" è usato per descrivere un'azione che inziò nel passato, e che stava ancora continuando quando una seconda azione cominciò.

> The whole area was flooded because it had been raining for more than a week.

> Before the Apple store opened, people had been waiting in line for more than 2 hours.

> Jenny was very tired, she had been running for three hours.

> Marco had been studying English for more than two years, but he was still unable to speak fluently.

> Before the train arrived, Bob had been waiting for more than an hour.

> Mike had been working at that company for 20 years when it filed for bankruptcy.
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  to file for bankruptcy = *dichiarare fallimento*

> Susan had gained weight because for the last 6 months she had been eating a lot of junk food.
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  to gain weight = *aumentare di peso, ingrassare*
  junk food = *cibo spazzatura*