

## The Past Tense – Past Perfect

### Answers

Directions: Complete the following sentences in the past perfect simple tense.

- 1) She had written (to write) six letters before she got a response.
- 2) It had always snowed (to snow) here before 1978.
- 3) Dan had been (to be) sick for three days before he got better.
- 4) Li and Susan had tried (to try) four times before they gave up.
- 5) My father's old car had run (to run) very well before he sold it.
- 6) We had not taken (to take) this test before.
- 7) My uncle had visited (to visit) China several times in the past, so this visit was nothing new.
- 8) Our father had never driven (to drive) to California.
- 9) I had spoken (to speak) to the president twice before, so I was not that nervous.
- 10) The old man had occasionally needed (to need) help crossing the street.

Directions: Put the following sentences in past perfect simple tense.

- 1) I do the laundry.  
I had done the laundry.
- 2) It is cold.  
It had been cold.

Directions: Write the correct form of the verb in the spaces below.

- 1) We had been learning (to learn) English at a private school in Hampton.
- 2) He had been going (to go) to the beach everyday before the summer ended.
- 3) I had been playing (to play) the piano everyday after school..
- 4) Li had been talking (to talk) to her friends before class started.
- 5) Wang, Ted, and Ko had been driving (to drive) all day.
- 6) Andy and I had been looking (to look) for my keys for two hours before we found them.
- 7) The Colorado River had been flowing (to flow) for centuries before it was dammed by beavers.
- 8) My new car had been making (to make) strange noises until I took it to a mechanic.
- 9) Tommy had not been saving (to save) his money for as long as he claims.
- 10) Nidia had been living (to live) in New York for ten years before I met her.

Directions: Put the following sentences in past perfect progressive tense.

- 1) I go to work everyday.  
I had been going to work everyday.
- 2) Sarah wears jeans all the time.  
Sarah had been wearing jeans all the time.