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Exercise 35

Past Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in past perfect progressive tense.

Note: In this exercise, adverbs, like *still*, *already*, *usually*, *frequently*, *never*, and *others*—are used in verbs which are in the past perfect progressive tense. An adverb tells us something more about the action of the verb. It is said to "modify" the verb.

Example: Before the horse broke his leg, he (usually, race) had usually been running two races each month.

- 1) The villagers (normally, carry) _____ water for miles before the new well was dug.
- 2) The gymnastics team (still, practice) _____ hard at nine o'clock p.m.
- 3) When Mrs. Stein awoke at six o'clock a.m., her husband (already, milk) _____ the cows for an hour.
- 4) The cat (always, scratch) _____ holes in the furniture before Jody bought him a scratching board.
- 5) Natalie (often, find) _____ small shells on the beach, which she was using to make jewelry.
- 6) The children (seldom, read) _____ books before the nanny began taking them to the library.
- 7) Trina (never, ski) _____ before her family moved to the mountains.
- 8) John and Carrie (happily, prepare) _____ a room for a baby boy before they discovered that they would have a girl.
- 9) Our mail carrier (faithfully, bring) _____ our mail for over 30 years before he retired.
- 10) The dog next door (persistently bark) _____ each night that summer, keeping us awake.

