

Past Perfect Continuous Tense (Negative)

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the past perfect continuous tense forms of the verbs in brackets to make negative sentences.

1. Colson _____ (wait) long before they called him for a second interview.
2. Lord Byron _____ (write) poetry for a decade before he became famous.
3. Joshua _____ (feel) well for a few days before he was admitted in a hospital.
4. Mr. Black _____ (rent) his apartment when he decided to buy it.
5. They _____ (date) for more than a year when they got married.
6. She _____ (work) hard that morning, so she didn't feel exhausted.
7. The chef _____ (prepare) their dinner himself, so they left the restaurant before they were served.
8. Carrey _____ (replicate) the results of the experiment for a while, so she stopped performing it.
9. I _____ (look for) a particular clothing item, but when I found a coat I liked, I bought it immediately.
10. The football players _____ (play) fairly, so they were sanctioned by the referees.

Answer Key:

1. hadn't been waiting
2. hadn't been writing
3. hadn't been feeling
4. hadn't been renting
5. hadn't been dating
6. hadn't been working
7. hadn't been preparing
8. hadn't been replicating
9. hadn't been looking for
10. hadn't been playing

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