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Exercise 34

Past Tense

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

Note: Some of the sentences in this exercise provide practice using the negative in past perfect progressive tense.

Example: The forest (burn) had been burning for a week before the fire was put out.

Example: The firefighters (not, sleep) had not been sleeping at all until more help arrived.

- 1) Tony's knee (ache) _____ until the coach bandaged it.
- 2) Sean and Melinda (not, keep) _____ good financial records before they got an accountant to help them. 
- 3) The owner of the cookie shop (plan) _____ to add two more ovens before the building burned.
- 4) My family and I (live) _____ in the Florida Keys before we decided to move to the northern part of the state.
- 5) The peaches (not, hang) _____ on the trees for long before the birds ate them.
- 6) The lake (supply) _____ water for the town since 1902. Now it was too polluted.
- 7) Crystal (paint) _____ the walls before she ran out of paint.
- 8) The colony's independent farmers (feel) _____ resentful about English rule and taxation long before the Revolution.
- 9) Mrs. Esposito (not, cook) _____ very much until Vincent arrived and asked for his favorite dishes.
- 10) Until Nigel joined a fraternity, he (call) _____ his father every Saturday.