

Grammar Topic 13: The Past Perfect Continuous tense. (Минулий доконаний тривалий час).

Минулий доконаний тривалий час вживається:

He had been learning Spanish for a year when he went to Spain. – Він вивчав іспанську рік, коли поїхав до Іспанії.

У складних реченнях, коли дія відбувалась у минулому протягом тривалого часу (FOR, SINCE, HOW LONG) та закінчилась перед тим, як почалась інша дія (Past Simple).

Типи речень:

1. *Affirmative sentence. (Твердження).*

She had been playing tennis for a year when she took part in competitions. – Вона грала в теніс рік, коли взяла участь у змаганнях.

2. *Negative sentence. (Заперечення).*

She had not been playing tennis for a year when she took part in competitions. – Вона не грала в теніс рік, коли взяла участь у змаганнях.

3. *General question. (Загальне запитання).*

Had she been playing tennis for a year when she took part in competitions. – Вона грала в теніс рік, коли взяла участь у змаганнях?

4. *Special question. (Спеціальне запитання).*

How long had she been playing tennis when she took part in competitions. – Як довго вона грала в теніс, коли взяла участь у змаганнях?

5. *Direct question. (Запитання до підмета).*

Who had been playing tennis for a year when she took part in competitions? – Хто грав у теніс рік, коли взяла участь у змаганнях?

6. *Alternative question. (Альтернативне запитання).*

Had she been playing tennis for a year or two when she took part in competitions? – Вона грала у теніс рік чи два, коли взяла участь у змаганнях?

7. *Tag question. (Розділове запитання).*

She had been playing tennis for a year when she took part in competitions, had not she? – Вона грала у теніс рік, коли взяла участь у змаганнях, чи не так?

8. *Embedded question. (Запитання у запитанні).*

I wondered if she had been playing tennis for a year when she took part in competitions? – Мені цікаво, чи грала вона у теніс рік, коли взяла участь у змаганнях?

Exercise 13.1. *Comment on the Past Indefinite, the Past Continuous, the Past Perfect and the Past Perfect Continuous. (Пояснить вживання часів).*

1. He was tired – he was so very tired. It seemed to him that he had been tired for a very long time.
2. Grant went to the drawing-room, where Alison was sitting with a book.
3. She listened, but could not follow what was being said.
4. When it was time to go I asked if I could see the rooms I had lived in for five years.
5. Nobody knew he was going to London on Sunday.
6. All the stories in this book were written before the first World War.

Exercise 13.2. *Use the required past tense instead of the infinitives in brackets. (Вставте дієслова у минулій формі).*

1. It (*to be*) the poorest room he ever (*to see*).
2. No sooner she (*to arrive*) at the station than a fast London train (*to come in*).
3. It (*to be decided*) to say nothing to Sidney until the answer (*to be received*).
4. Arthur (*to go*) up to his room. Nothing in it (*to be changed*) since his arrest.
5. No wonder he (*to be*) very tired. He (*to work*) too hard for the last three months.
6. He (*to learn*) English for 2 years when he went to England.
7. He (*to know*) Mary for two years when they (*to decide*) to get married.
8. She (*to say*) it in a voice he never (*to hear*) before.
9. I (*to look*) into the kitchen. Mary-Ann (*to put*) the supper on a tray to take it into the dining-room.
10. I (*to be*) fifteen and just (*to come*) back from school for the summer holiday.
11. It (*to rain*) heavily since the morning and she (*not to allow*) the children to go out.
12. Soon I (*to get*) a letter from her to the effect that she (*to return*) from the South of France; she (*to want*) me to meet her.

13. I (*to see*) a man whom I (*to meet*) in Kiev.
14. I (*to finish*) my work for the day and (*to rest*) quietly in my arm-chair, thinking of the days that (*to go*) by.
15. George, who (*to laugh*) loudly, suddenly (*to break off*).
16. She (*to read*) the book ever since she (*to come*) from school and couldn't tear herself away from it.
17. She (*to know*) Jim for more than ten years, ever since her husband, who (*to teach*) at that time in a Grammar school in London, first had made his acquaintance through the Labour Party.
18. He (*to say*) he (*to wait*) for more than an hour.
19. I (*to be*) sure they (*to talk*) about me, because they (*to break off*) as soon as I (*to enter*).
20. He (*to say*) he (*to get*) two letters from Alice.