

PAST PERFECT VS. PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

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PAST CONTINUOUS

Had + Past Participle

- Express a past action, already finished when another past action happened

E.g. I met them after they had divorced each other.

Had been + V-ing

- Describe a past action which started in the past and continued to happen after another action or time in the past

E.g. Sara had been working here for two weeks when she had the accident.

- Emphasize the result of an activity

- Emphasize the duration of an