# 8.3 Present and Past Perfect Continuous: Test Pack

about 15 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

**Answer ALL questions.**

## Backstage Diary: The Year 7 Talent Show

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Wednesday 11th March

I have been practising my juggling act every lunchtime this week, and my hands have finally stopped aching from dropping the clubs so often. Priya has been helping me build a proper routine, and we have been rehearsing together since Monday. I have not been sleeping very well, because I keep imagining a silent, staring audience. Mr Okafor has been encouraging us all week, and he has promised to introduce our act himself. My little sister has been asking to watch every single rehearsal, though I have politely refused so far.

Friday 13th March

By the time I walked out onto the stage, I had been shaking backstage for almost twenty minutes. The stage crew had been testing the lighting rig all afternoon, so everything looked ready. I had been rehearsing the opening trick in my head so many times that my hands moved almost by themselves. Before the compere had even finished announcing my name, I had already started counting the clubs under my breath. When the music began, I realised that all the practice had finally been worth it. The audience had been waiting patiently, and now they were finally watching me juggle.

**1** Each phrase below comes from the diary. Identify whether it is written in the present perfect continuous or the past perfect continuous tense.

**(a)** 'have been practising' **(1)**

**(b)** 'had been shaking' **(1)**


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**(c)** 'has been encouraging us' **(1)**

**(d)** 'had been testing' **(1)**

**(e)** 'have not been sleeping' **(1)**

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**2** Each sentence below has an incorrect verb form. Rewrite each sentence, correcting the perfect continuous verb.

**(a)** She has practising her lines every night this week. **(1)**

**(b)** They had been swim for an hour before the storm arrived. **(1)**

**(c)** We have been study hard for the test. **(1)**

**(d)** He had been run for ten minutes before he noticed the time. **(1)**


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**3** Write two sentences of your own about getting ready for an event, such as a performance, a match or an exam. Sentence 1 must use the present perfect continuous tense. Sentence 2 must use the past perfect continuous tense.

**(4)**

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**4** Complete each sentence with the correct past perfect continuous form of the verb in brackets.

**(a)** By midnight, the wind ___ (howl) for hours. **(1)**

**(b)** She ___ (wait) outside for ten minutes before the doors opened. **(1)**

**(c)** The dog ___ (bark) at the postman when Dad finally opened the door. **(1)**

**(d)** We ___ (walk) for an hour when the rain started. **(1)**


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# Mark scheme · 8.3 Present and Past Perfect Continuous: Test Pack

## Question 1

(a) present perfect continuous cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **present perfect continuous**

(b) past perfect continuous cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **past perfect continuous**

(c) present perfect continuous cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **present perfect continuous**

(d) past perfect continuous cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **past perfect continuous**

(e) present perfect continuous cao **B1**

(e) Answer: **present perfect continuous**

## Question 2

(a) She has been practising her lines every night this week. cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **She has been practising her lines every night this week.**

(b) They had been swimming for an hour before the storm arrived. cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **They had been swimming for an hour before the storm arrived.**

(c) We have been studying hard for the test. cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **We have been studying hard for the test.**

(d) He had been running for ten minutes before he noticed the time. cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **He had been running for ten minutes before he noticed the time.**

## Question 3

sentence 1 uses the present perfect continuous tense correctly (has/have been + -ing) (oe) **B1**

sentence 1 is grammatically accurate, with correct subject agreement and a correctly formed -ing verb (cao) **B1**

sentence 2 uses the past perfect continuous tense correctly (had been + -ing) (oe) **B1**

sentence 2 is grammatically accurate and makes sense as an earlier, ongoing past action (cao) **B1**

Answer: **e.g. I have been practising my times tables every evening this week. By the time the exam started, I had been revising for over a month.**

## Question 4

(a) had been howling cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **had been howling**

(b) had been waiting cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **had been waiting**

(c) had been barking cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **had been barking**

(d) had been walking cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **had been walking**


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