

Past Perfect Progressive (Past Perfect Continuous) Story 4

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**Where was he? What did he do?
What had he been doing?**

Patrick had been playing the banjo for about 15 years. Many years ago, his grandfather played the banjo in a band. He taught Patrick how to play the banjo when Patrick was just 10 years old. Patrick had been practicing the banjo ever since. He had been playing for his friends and family for many years.

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Last night, Patrick played his banjo on a television show. He had been hoping to be on this show since he first saw it on television 5 years ago. He played in front of a live studio audience. The audience cheered and clapped for Patrick.

Patrick knew he was good because he had been playing the banjo for a long time. Now everyone knew that Patrick was a good banjo player.

Past Perfect Progressive Story 4 – Exercises

A. Answer the following questions. Use the Past Perfect Progressive tense.

1. How many years had Patrick been playing the banjo?

2. For how long had Patrick been hoping to be on the television show?

3. How did Patrick know he was good at playing the banjo?

B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word or phrase) and tag questions.

Examples for the sentence “Jill had been cleaning before you arrived.”

Negative: Jill had not been cleaning before you arrived.

Yes/No Question: Had Jill been cleaning before you arrived?

WH-Question: Who had been cleaning before you arrived?

Tag Question: Jill had been cleaning before you arrived, hadn't she?

1. Patrick had been playing the banjo for about 15 years.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

2. He had been playing for his friends and family for many years.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

3. He had been hoping to be on this show since he first saw it on television
5 years ago.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

C. Read the description and write down what it is. Use the box below for help.

banjo	grandfather	television show
friends	family	audience

1. This is a group of people who watch a show.

Who are they? _____

2. It is a musical instrument with five strings. What is it? _____

3. They are people you know well. Who are they? _____

4. They are the people you are related to. Who are they? _____

5. He is the father of your mother or father. Who is he? _____

6. It is something you watch on the television. What is it? _____

Past Perfect Progressive Story 4 – Answers

A. Answer the following questions. Use the Past Perfect Progressive tense.

1. How many years had Patrick been playing the banjo?

Patrick had been playing the banjo for about 15 years.

2. For how long had Patrick been hoping to be on the television show?

Patrick had been hoping to be on the television show ever since he first saw it 5 years ago.

3. How did Patrick know he was good at playing the banjo?

Patrick knew he was good at playing the banjo because he had been practicing for many years.

B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word) and tag questions.

1. Patrick had been playing the banjo for about 15 years.

Negative: Patrick had not been playing the banjo for about 15 years.

Yes/No Question: Had Patrick been playing the banjo for about 15 years?

WH-Question: Who had been playing the banjo for about 15 years?

Tag Question: Patrick had been playing the banjo for about 15 years, hadn't he?

2. He had been playing for his friends and family for many years.

Negative: He had not been playing for his friends and family for many years?

Yes/No Question: Had he been playing for his friends and family for many years?

WH-Question: Who had he been playing for?

Tag Question: Patrick had been playing for his friends and family for many years, hadn't he?

3. He had been hoping to be on this show since he first saw it on television 5 years ago.

Negative: He had not been hoping to be on this show since he first saw it on television 5 years ago.

Yes/No Question: Had he been hoping to be on this show since he first saw it on television 5 years ago?

WH-Question: Who had been hoping to be on this show since he first saw it on television 5 years ago?

Tag Question: He had been hoping to be on this show since he first saw it on television 5 years ago, hadn't he?

C. Read the description and write down what it is. Use the box below for help.

1. This is a group of people who watch a show.
Who are they? audience
2. It is a musical instrument with five strings. What is it? banjo
3. They are people you know well. Who are they? friends
4. They are the people you are related to. Who are they? family
5. He is the father of your mother or father. Who is he? grandfather
6. It is something you watch on the television. What is it? television show

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