

*Remember?*

**Past  
Perfect  
Continuous**

*When do you use it  
again?*

# **An unfinished action before an other action B1**

- **I had been watching TV  
when he got home.**
- **He hadn't been cleaning  
when you got home.**

# How long till a certain moment in the past

## B1

- I **had been waiting** for 3 hours when the arrived.
- He **hadn't been studying** for 5 minutes before he took a break.

# Action in the past with past result B1

- A: Why were you so tired?
- B: I **had been working** all day.
- The grass was wet because it **had been raining**.

# Past perfect vs Past perfect cont Result vs Duration B2

- I had already cleaned the house before he got home. (focus on the result)
- I'd been cleaning for 5 hours before he got home. (focus on the time)

# Past perfect vs Past perfect cont How many vs How long B2

- I'd written 5 reports before I went to lunch. (How many)
- I'd been writing reports all morning before joining the meeting. (How long)

# Past perfect vs Past perfect cont State vs Action B2

- We **had known** each other for 3 years before we became friends.(state)
- They had **been working together** for 2 months, when Sam quit.(action)