Exercise 34
Past Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in past perfect progressive tense.

Note: Some of the sentences in this exercise provide practice using the negative in past perfect progressive tense.

Example: The forest (burn) had been burning for a week before the fire was put out.

Example: The firefighters (not, sleep) had not been sleeping at all until more help arrived.

1) Tony’s knee (ache) ______ ______ ______ until the coach bandaged it.

2) Sean and Melinda (not, keep) _____ ______ _______ ______ good financial records before they got an accountant to help them.

3) The owner of the cookie shop (plan) ______ ______ ______ to add two more ovens before the building burned.

4) My family and I (live) ______ ______ ______ in the Florida Keys before we decided to move to the northern part of the state.

5) The peaches (not, hang) ______ ______ ______ ______ on the trees for long before the birds ate them.

6) The lake (supply) ______ ______ ______ water for the town since 1902. Now it was too polluted.

7) Crystal (paint) _____ ______ ______ the walls before she ran out of paint.

8) The colony’s independent farmers (feel) ______ ______ ______ resentful about English rule and taxation long before the Revolution.

9) Mrs. Esposito (not, cook) ______ ______ ______ ______ very much until Vincent arrived and asked for his favorite dishes.

10) Until Nigel joined a fraternity, he (call) ______ ______ ______ his father every Saturday.