Name __________________________
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**Exercise 35**

**Past Tense**

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

**Note:** In this exercise, adverbs, like still, already, usually, frequently, never, and others—are used in verbs which are in the past perfect progressive tense. An adverb tells us something more about the action of the verb. It is said to "modify" the verb.

**Example:** Before the horse broke his leg, he (usually, race) had usually been running two races each month.

1) The villagers (normally, carry) ______ ______ ______ ______ water for miles before the new well was dug.

2) The gymnastics team (still, practice) ______ ______ ______ ______ hard at nine o'clock p.m.

3) When Mrs. Stein awoke at six o'clock a.m., her husband (already, milk) ______ ______ ______ ______ the cows for an hour.

4) The cat (always, scratch) ______ ______ ______ ______ holes in the furniture before Jody bought him a scratching board.

5) Natalie (often, find) ______ ______ ______ ______ small shells on the beach, which she was using to make jewelry.

6) The children (seldom, read) ______ ______ ______ ______ books before the nanny began taking them to the library.

7) Trina (never, ski) ______ ______ ______ ______ before her family moved to the mountains.

8) John and Carrie (happily, prepare) ______ ______ ______ ______ a room for a baby boy before they discovered that they would have a girl.

9) Our mail carrier (faithfully, bring) ______ ______ ______ ______ our mail for over 30 years before he retired.

10) The dog next door (persistently bark) ______ ______ ______ ______ each night that summer, keeping us awake.