

HAVE BEEN & HAS BEEN & HAD BEEN

EXAMPLE / EXERCISES

Here are some important points that show the differences between “Have Been vs. Has Been vs. Had Been” and when to use them correctly:

- “Have Been” is used in the present perfect tense to describe an action that started in the past and continues up to the present. For example, “I have been working on this project for two hours.”
- “Has Been” is the singular form of “Have Been” and is also used in the present perfect tense. It is used when the subject of the sentence is in the singular and in the third person (he, she, it). For example, “She has been studying all week for the exam”.
- “Had been” is used in the past perfect tense to describe an action that was completed in the past before another action took place. For example, “I had been studying for the exam before I went to bed”.

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- “Have Been” and “Has Been” are both used in the present perfect tense, while “Had Been” is used in the past perfect tense.
- It is important to use the correct form of the verb (have, has, or had) depending on the subject of the sentence and the tense being used.

1. I **have been** working on this project for a week.
2. She **has been** studying English for two years.
3. They **have been** living in New York since 2015.
4. He **has been** sick for a week.
5. We **have been** waiting for the train for half an hour.
6. She **has been** dancing for hours.
7. They **have been** planning this trip for months.
8. He **has been** practicing his guitar skills for years.
9. I **have been** reading this book for days.
10. She **has been** cooking dinner for an hour.
11. They **have been** renovating their house for weeks.

12. He **has been** teaching English for a decade.
13. We **have been** enjoying the beautiful weather lately.
14. She **has been** playing tennis for years.
15. They **have been** dating for three years.
16. He **has been** running a successful business for years.
17. I **have been** learning a new language for months.
18. She **has been** working out at the gym for weeks.
19. They have been volunteering for a local charity for years.
20. He **has been** taking care of his garden for years.
21. We **have been** practicing for the upcoming performance.
22. She **has been** meditating every day for years.
23. They **have been** exploring new cities for months.
24. He **has been** traveling the world for years.
25. I **have been** taking care of my sick mother for months.
26. She **has been** studying for her upcoming exams.
27. They **have been** working on their new album for months.
28. He **has been** painting beautiful landscapes for years.
29. We **have been** planning a surprise party for our friend.
30. She **has been** singing since she was a child.
31. They **have been** working on a secret project for years.
32. He **has been** collecting antique coins for years.
33. I **have been** attending online classes for months.
34. She **has been** learning how to play the piano for years.
35. They **have been** practicing yoga for months.
36. He **has been** writing a book for years.
37. We **have been** enjoying the beautiful sunset on the beach.
38. She **has been** designing clothes for years.
39. They **have been** renovating their old house for months.
40. He **has been** working as a doctor for years.
41. I **have been** taking care of my pet dog for years.
42. She **has been** practicing ballet for years.
43. They **have been** playing chess for months.
44. He **has been** learning how to cook for years.
45. We **have been** attending concerts for months.
46. She **has been** writing a blog for years.
47. They **have been** taking care of their newborn baby for months.
48. He **has been** studying for his upcoming exam for months.
49. I **have been** working on my thesis for months.
50. She **has been** playing the guitar for years.

Here are 10 examples using “had been”:

1. He **had been** working on the project for months before he quit his job.
2. By the time we arrived, the party **had been** going on for hours.
3. She realized she **had been** living in the same apartment for over a decade.
4. The athlete **had been** training for years before she finally won the championship.
5. The company **had been** struggling financially for years before it went bankrupt.
6. They **had been** planning their trip for months before the pandemic hit.
7. The museum **had been** closed for renovations for several months before it reopened.
8. The book **had been** on the bestseller list for weeks before it fell off.
9. The film **had been** nominated for several awards before it was released.
10. The car **had been** in the garage for repairs for a week before it was ready.