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Perfect	The boy had run five miles before it started to rain.	The boy has run three miles so far.	The boy will have run ten miles by the end of the day.
Perfect Continuous	The boy had been running for a while.	The boy has been running for an hour.	The boy will have been running for two hours.