

Guess the year continuous aspect review

Tell your partner about one year in your life, one sentence at a time. After each sentence they can make one guess about what year it was, e.g. "I think I could be 1987" or "It sounds like 1977 to me".

Continue the game, this time making sure you use sentences only in Perfect and/ or Continuous tenses like those below:

- I had been _____ for a while.
- I had been working in my then job for _____.
- I had started the job that I have been doing since then.
- I have been _____ since then.
- I was thinking about _____.
- I had just _____.
- I had already _____.
- I was expecting _____.
- I was working _____.
- I was/ wasn't enjoying _____.
- I was worrying about/ feeling pessimistic about _____.
- I had started _____.
- I had finished _____.
- I was feeling _____.
- I was studying _____. I had been studying that for _____.
- _____ was increasing/ decreasing.
- _____ was becoming more/ less popular.
- _____ was improving/ getting worse.
- _____ had reached a peak.
- At the start of the year, _____.
- By the end of the year, _____.
- I was living _____. I had been living there for _____.
- I was trying to _____.
- I had tried to _____, but _____.
- I was spending a lot of time _____.
- My child/ children were _____.
- My child/ children had already _____.
- I had already _____ my (first/ last) boyfriend/ girlfriend/ husband/ wife.
- I had visited _____.
- I was using _____ (quite a lot).
- I had been _____ for a while.
- I had been _____ for ages.
- I hadn't been _____ for long.
- I hadn't _____ long before.
- People were _____.

Use the sentence stems above to find things in common with your partner. Then share one surprising similarity and one surprising difference with the class. Is the same thing true of anyone else? Which was the most surprising difference in the class?