Present Perfect Continuous

2〉 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets, using the present perfect continuous. Then match statements 1–5 with responses a–e.

1 Martha _____ (*make*) biscuits. ☐
2 How long _____ (*you / wait*) here? ☐
3 I _____ (*cry*) all afternoon. ☐
4 _____ (*Dan / drive*) all day? ☐
5 I _____ (*not eat*) any sweets lately. ☐

a Yes, I can see you've got red eyes.
b Yes, he needs a break.
c No more than 10 minutes.
d Yeah, I can see you've lost weight.
e That's why the kitchen smells so good.

3〉 Choose the correct option to complete each sentence. Sometimes both answers are correct.

1 You look awful! ***Have you fought / Have you been fighting*** again?!
2 Peter feels depressed and so he ***has decided / has been deciding*** to go on holiday.
3 My dad ***has worked / has been working*** in the same company for ten years.
4 You've got so many postcards from so many different places! ***Have you collected / Have you been collecting*** them long?
5 **A** Sean's acting strangely these days, isn't he?
B Yes, I think he ***'s tried / 's been trying*** to give up chocolate for the last few days, but I don't think he ***'s managed / 's been managing*** to do so yet.
6 Fleur's a very good skier. She ***has won / has been winning*** lots of competitions!
7 **A** Hungry?
B Not at all. ***I've just had / 've just been having*** a few sandwiches.
8 So, you're saying ***you've lived / you've been living*** next door for three months? How come we've never met?

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4〉 Complete the texts with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present perfect or the present perfect continuous.

Teacher



Oh, this week is probably one of the busiest I [1]_____ (***ever*** / ***have***) in my life! Since Monday, I [2]_____ (***correct***) my pupils' exercise books, but I [3]_____ (***only*** / ***check***) about half of them so far. My class are preparing a performance for a school celebration, so I [4]_____ (***help***) them a little.

Novelist



It [5]_____ (***be***) a very good week. At last I [6]_____ (***finish***) my latest novel, called *The Girl who Killed the Giant Frog*, and the publisher is very pleased with it. So for the last three days, I [7]_____ (***relax***). I [8]_____ (***not*** / ***even*** / ***answer***) any emails yet.

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5〉 Complete mini-dialogues 1–6 with the correct form of the verbs below. Use the present perfect or the present perfect continuous.

cry collect run wait know see

1 **A** Your collection is really impressive! How many stamps _____ you _____ so far?
B There are exactly 1,524 of them.

2 **A** I'm so sorry I'm late again. _____ you _____ long?
B No, don't worry. I only came a couple of minutes ago.

3 **A** Why are your eyes red? _____ you _____ ?
B No, it's just an allergy.

4 **A** His company is really successful, isn't it? How long _____ he _____ the business?
B For over twenty years, I guess. Yes, he set it up in the early 1990s.

5 **A** You seem to know the dialogues almost by heart! How many times _____ you _____ the film?
B Well, five or six suppose. It's a really great film, isn't it?

6 **A** So how long _____ you _____ him?
B For as long as I can remember. We grew up together.

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7〉 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

1 Jane has been living here for three months.
Jane _____ ago. **MOVED**

2 They began travelling six months ago, and they aren't back home yet.
They _____ months. **HAVE**

3 We have been eating for an hour.
We _____ yet. **FINISHED**

4 The last time Tom wrote to me was two months ago.
Tom _____ months. **NOT**

5 Dan started watching TV two hours ago, and he still hasn't stopped.
Dan _____ hours. **FOR**

6 He has had the job for a week now.
He _____ week. **LAST**

7 I last saw aunt Lucy as a child.
I _____ a child. **SINCE**

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