Name ..... **Date** .....

1. **Read carefully the following chart.**

Present perfect continuous The present perfect progressive expresses an action that recently stopped or is still going on. It puts emphasis on the duration or course of the action.

Form of Present Perfect Progressive

	Positive	Negative	Question
I / you / we / they	I have been speaking	I have not been speaking	Have I been speaking?
he / she / it	He has been speaking	He has not been speaking.	Has he been speaking?

Use of Present Perfect Progressive

- **Puts emphasis on the duration or course of an action (not the result)**

  Example: She *has been writing* for two hours.

- **Action that recently stopped or is still going on**

  Example: I *have been living* here since 2001.

- **Finished action that influenced the present**

  Example: I *have been working* all afternoon.

Signal Words of Present Perfect Progressive

- all day, for 4 years, since 1993, how long?, the whole week

Put the verbs into the correct present perfect progressive form.

1. He (work) ..... in this company since 1985.
2. I (wait) ..... for you since two o´clock.
3. Mary (live) ..... in Germany since 1999.
4. Why is he so tired? He (play) ..... Tennis for five hours.
5. How long (learn / you) ..... English?
6. We (look) ..... The motor way for more than four hours.
7. I (live)..... without electricity for more than two weeks.

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8. The film (run / out) ..... for ten minutes yet, but there is a commercial break already.

3. Ask and answer questions using the prompts given, as in the example.

1. Lisa/ live / in this house/ ten years.

A: ……..*How long has Lisa been living in this house?*.....

B: ……. *She has been living in this house for ten years* ……...

2. Frank / work / as a chef / two months

A:.....

B:.....

3. Julie / make / her own clothes / four years

A:.....

B:.....

4. You / read / that book / since Monday

A:.....

B:.....

5. Andrew / sleep / three hourse

A:.....

B:.....

6. Helen and Carla / cook / for the party / since 10 am.

A:.....

B:.....

7. Sue / decorate / the living room / two hours

A:.....

B:.....

8. Bob / fix dishwasher / since this morning

A:.....

B:.....

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4. Circle the correct answer.

1. Oscar and Andres are good friends. ***They have been knowing / have known*** each other for four years.
2. "Where is Valentina?" "She's upstairs. ***She does / has been doing her*** homework".
3. I can't go to the party on Saturday. I think I ***will travel / have been traveling*** to Cartagena on Friday night.
4. I don't need to wash my car. Mary ***washes / has washed*** it for me already.
5. I didn't recognize Hernan. He ***looks / has been looking*** so different in a bathing suit.
6. Have you seen my bag? I ***am searching / have been searching*** for it all morning.
7. "Would you like to borrow this book?" "No, thanks. ***I have read / have been reading*** I before.
8. Camilo is very clever. ***He has spoken / speaks*** seven different languages.

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