Present Perfect Simple or Continuous

A. Fill in the blanks with the verbs in the Present Perfect Simple or the Present Perfect Continuous

1. In this month, we _____ (come) across several new challenges, preparing the school dance last Friday as being one of them.
2. Some political leaders _____ (not find) any fault in abusing human rights so far.
3. This book is really hard for me. I _____ (read) it for quite some time now and I really have to concentrate to understand the content.
4. What's the time? We _____ (wait) for the bus for half an hour now. – Well, just look at the weather and road conditions. It _____ (snow) heavily since this morning.
5. _____ you _____ (hear) about the book "Pigeon English"? – What? _____ you ever _____ (hear) a pigeon talk? – No, this is just an expression used when people from former British colonies speak English and they mix their own native language with English. – Oh, I see. No, I _____. Is it any good? – Yes, it is. I _____ just _____ (finish) reading it. The book itself, well its author _____ (receive) several awards, The Man Booker Prize among them.
6. Tom _____ (misplace) his mobile somewhere again and he _____ (bother) us with his problem the whole morning.
7. The area _____ (devastate) by an earthquake.
8. Look at that bird. It _____ (sit) motionlessly on that flowerpot on the window sill for ten minutes now. It _____ (not move) a feather so far. – _____ Tom cat _____ (notice) it? – I suppose not, because he _____ (enjoy) himself in the sun and _____ (sleep) all this time.
9. Several mysterious theft cases _____ (happen) lately. The police _____ (search) in the dark all this time. During the investigation they _____ (come) across several leads, but none of them _____ (be) the right one.
10. Where's Michael? – It's his birthday party tomorrow and he _____ (get) things ready for it. Olivia, his girlfriend, _____ (help) him too. So far, they _____ (decorate) the walls with some glow pictures. With the help of water balloons and rope, Olivia _____ (make) special ball ornaments, then she _____ (paint) them gold and Michael _____ (stick) them on Christmas lights. They look amazing. They _____ (do) quite a lot so far. The music equipment _____ (prepare), the disco ball _____ (hang) and so on. They _____ also_____ (rent) a really big jukebox from the sixties, but the music inside it is new, of course. The place itself _____ (change) from dull to amazing.
11. Several landslides _____ (strike) the area due to heavy rainfalls recently. Quite a few families _____ (have) to be evacuated because of that.

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B. Choose the correct verb form and translate the sentences into your language.

1. I **have looked / have been looking** at this handout for three hours now.
2. I **have already looked / have already been looking** at this handout three times.
3. I **have eaten / have been eating** 3 apples.
4. I **have eaten / have been eating** apples since lunchtime.
5. A lot of people **have caught / have been catching** flu.
6. He **has lain / has been lying** in bed with flu for 3 days.
7. He **has read / has been reading** this article for half an hour.
8. He **has read / has been reading** that article twice already.
9. **Have you met / Have you been meeting** the new schoolmate?
10. Mike **has talked / has been talking** to him for the last ten minutes.
11. The MPs **have discussed / have been discussing** the minimal wages since 10.
12. The government **has evaluated / has been evaluating** several new laws.
13. They **have filmed / have been filming** this commercial since six today.
14. They **have filmed / have been filming** five scenes since six in the morning.

C. Mixed tenses. Match the pictures with actions, name the tenses and write +, -, ? sentences and short answers. Make sentences marked with an asterisk passive as well. Use your lovely notebooks.



Calvin and Hobbles 1



☐ use other means of transport in the past*

Name the tense: _____

Spongebob 2



☐ almost definitely make the world poor again in the future. *

Name the tense: _____

People 3



☐ read a book for two hours now.

Name the tense: _____

Silly Milly 4



☐ try to make his mum believe he (clean) his room yesterday afternoon.

Name the tense: _____

Politicians 5



☐ run happily to school today

Name the tense: _____

A baby crock 6



☐ order an extra cheesy pizza for lunch. *

Name the tense: _____

Andy 7



☐ eat a lot of junk food every day. *

Name the tense: _____

Calvin and his dad 8



☐ catch a little hedgehog any minute now.

Name the tense: _____

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