

Present Perfect Continuous Tense

Tell me Why

1. Match the situations on the left with the causes on the right.

1. Jane's eyes are very red.
2. The streets are wet.
3. The children aren't hungry now.
4. He's out of breath.
5. Tom's shirt is dirty.
6. The boys have black eyes.
7. The teacher's sweater is covered in chalk.
8. Andrew coughs all the time.
9. Rose's feet are sore.
10. Emma feels great.

- A. She's been learning on the blackboard.
- B. She's been exercising all month.
- C. She's been dancing for hours.
- D. It's been raining for hours.
- E. She's crying all night.
- F. He's been running for an hour.
- G. He's been working in the garden.
- H. They've been eating pizza all day.
- I. He's been smoking for years.
- J. They've been fighting.

2. Choose the correct verb from the list to complete the following sentences.

talking

lifting

studying

working

driving

raining

delivering

waiting

1. Robert has been _____ at the coffee shop for his girl friend , but she still hasn't arrived.
2. I have been _____ on this report for the past two days.
3. You should take your umbrella when you go out. It has been _____ all day.
4. John's back hurts. He has been _____ heavy boxes all morning.
5. The girls have been _____ on the telephone for over an hour.
6. James has been _____ the same car for almost ten years.
7. The mail man has been _____ the mail in our neighborhood for over twenty years.
8. The students have been _____ Chinese since January.

3. Fill in the following sentences by using for or since.

since

for

1. They have been living in Madrid _____ 1972.
2. We have been waiting for him _____ half an hour.
3. I have been driving this old fashioned car _____ ages
4. One of my friends has been teaching in Tokyo _____ three years.
5. The police have been looking for him _____ he escaped from the prison.
6. Tom has been learning Japanese _____ two years.
7. Betty has been writing emails _____ 10 o'clock.
8. Tommy has been working problems _____ lunch.
9. Jane hasn't been phoning _____ 2 days.
10. The pupils have been listening _____ this morning.
11. They have been living in London _____ almost 20 years.
12. The boys have been quarrelling _____ midnight.
13. She has been doing her homework _____ three hours.
14. She has been preparing for her exams _____ the last two months.
15. They have been playing tennis _____ breakfast.
16. She has been singing _____ two hours.
17. We have been waiting for you _____ your phone call.
18. I have been living without electricity _____ two weeks.
19. She hasn't been being in the garden _____ more than an hour.
20. He has been working in this company _____ 1985.

