Present Perfect Progressive (Present Perfect Continuous)

Read the situations below and write a sentence using the present perfect progressive tense to say how long the situation has been happening.

For & Since

Ex. The baby is crying. She started to cry twenty minutes ago.
The baby has been crying for twenty minutes.

1. The tap is leaking. It started to leak last week.

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2. It is snowing. It began to snow last night.

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3. The children are studying now. They started to study an hour ago.

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4. Willie smokes. He started to smoke when he was a teenager.

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5. Andrea works in a bank. She got her bank job last April.

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6. Mrs. Neville teaches French. She started to teach French 15 years ago.

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7. Sue and Joe are planning their vacation. They started planning last winter.

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8. The mechanic is fixing my car. He started working on it this morning.

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Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Put the verb in the present perfect progressive tense.

talk / look / lift / work / wait / feel / rain / deliver / shop / cry / plan / read / drive / study / sit / watch

1. Maria _____ at the coffee shop for her boyfriend for the past half hour, but he still hasn't arrived.
2. The students _____ Spanish since the semester began.
3. I _____ on this report for the past two days.
4. You should take your umbrella when you go out. It _____ all day.
5. The children _____ television all evening.
6. John's back hurts. He _____ heavy boxes all morning.
7. The students _____ in the classroom for 20 minutes, but the teacher hasn't come yet.
8. The girls _____ on the telephone for over an hour.
9. Frank _____ the same car for almost twenty years.
10. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are very excited about going to China next summer. They _____ this trip for over a year.
11. That mailman _____ the mail in our neighborhood for nearly twenty-five years. He is going to retire soon.
12. Rita and Carly are at the mall. They _____ since the stores opened this morning.
13. My eyes are getting tired. I _____ all day.
14. Bill hopes to find a new job soon. He _____ in the paper and on the Internet every day for the past month.
15. Andrea is planning to call the doctor this afternoon. She _____ sick for several days.
16. Claire's eyes are all red. She _____ all morning.

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