

Present Perfect Continuous / Past Perfect Continuous

A Choose the correct answer.

1. I love this writer's books. I (have been reading / had been reading) them for years.
2. His clothes were dirty because he (has been working / had been working) in the garden.
3. Where have you been? We (had been waiting / have been waiting) for you for ages.
4. He hasn't decided on a career yet, but he (has been thinking / had been thinking) about it lately.
5. After she (has been playing / had been playing) the violin for ten years, she joined an orchestra.

B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Perfect Continuous or the Past Perfect Continuous.

1. Mike has never had an accident and he (drive) for years.
2. She had no idea it was so late because she (not / watch) the time.
3. " (you / take) your medicine regularly, Mrs Smith?" "Yes, doctor."
4. They eventually found the dog after they (look) for it all night.
5. How long your father (work) for the company when he retired?

C Complete the sentences with a suitable word or expression.

for ■ by tomorrow ■ so far ■ the week before ■ since

1. Our TV hasn't been working last week.
2. The Browns invited us to dinner although we had only met
3. They will have finished painting the house
4. We had been writing nearly an hour when the bell rang.
5. They have interviewed three suspects

D Choose the correct answer.

1. Don't come before seven. I my homework.
a. haven't finished b. won't have finished c. hadn't finished
2. She loves animals. She a dog for as long as she can remember.
a. has had b. had had c. will have had
3. Jack wanted to know why Sally to him yet.
a. hasn't written b. hasn't been writing c. hadn't written
4. We him, so we were very surprised to see him.
a. haven't been expecting b. haven't expected c. hadn't been expecting
5. His playing has improved because he all month.
a. will have practised b. has been practising c. had practised

E Correct the errors in the following sentences.

1. Jane has lost weight. She had been dieting for months now.
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2. Everything was white when we woke up because it has been snowing all night.
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3. I was so happy when he asked me to marry him. I have been loving him for years.
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4. That man is making me nervous. He has stared at me all evening.
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5. Hurry up, or they have sold all the tickets by the time we get there.
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- A**
1. have been reading
 2. had been working
 3. have been waiting
 4. has been thinking
 5. had been playing

- B**
1. has been driving
 2. hadn't been watching
 3. Have you been taking
 4. had been looking
 5. had ... been working

- C**
1. since
 2. the week before
 3. by tomorrow
 4. for
 5. so far

- D**
1. b
 2. a
 3. c
 4. c
 5. b

- E**
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