**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 practiced **b.** has been practicing **c.** had practiced

**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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