8.3 Present and Past Perfect Continuous: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

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Answer ALL questions.

Backstage Diary: The Year 7 Talent Show

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Wednesday 11th March

I have been practising my juggling act every lunchtime this week, and my hands have finally stopped aching from dropping the clubs so often. Priya has been helping me build a proper routine, and we have been rehearsing together since Monday. I have not been sleeping very well, because I keep imagining a silent, staring audience. Mr Okafor has been encouraging us all week, and he has promised to introduce our act himself. My little sister has been asking to watch every single rehearsal, though I have politely refused so far.

Friday 13th March

By the time I walked out onto the stage, I had been shaking backstage for almost twenty minutes. The stage crew had been testing the lighting rig all afternoon, so everything looked ready. I had been rehearsing the opening trick in my head so many times that my hands moved almost by themselves. Before the compere had even finished announcing my name, I had already started counting the clubs under my breath. When the music began, I realised that all the practice had finally been worth it. The audience had been waiting patiently, and now they were finally watching me juggle.

1 Rewrite each sentence in the present perfect continuous tense. Add a suitable time expression of your own (using since or for) to complete the meaning.

(a) I read. **(2)**

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(b) The baby cries. **(2)**

(c) They argue. **(2)**

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2 Look at this pair of sentences: 'I have painted my bedroom.' and 'I have been painting my bedroom.' Explain the difference in meaning between the two sentences.

(2)

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3 Each sentence below has an incorrect helping verb. Rewrite each sentence, correcting has, have or had.

(a) The girls has been training every morning before school. **(1)**

(b) My dad have been fixing the car all weekend. **(1)**

(c) By the time we arrived, the film have been playing for twenty minutes. **(1)**

(d) I has been waiting here since two o'clock. **(1)**

4 Complete each sentence with your own idea, using the tense named correctly.

(a) I have been ___ (finish with something you have been doing this week, using the present perfect continuous) since Monday. **(1)**

(b) By the time the final bell rang, the pupils ___ (complete with your own past perfect continuous verb phrase). **(1)**

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Question 1

(a) have been reading used correctly (oe) **B1**

(a) a suitable time expression added using since or for (oe) **B1**

(a) Answer: **e.g. I have been reading for the last hour.**

(b) has been crying used correctly (oe) **B1**

(b) a suitable time expression added using since or for (oe) **B1**

(b) Answer: **e.g. The baby has been crying since lunchtime.**

(c) have been arguing used correctly (oe) **B1**

(c) a suitable time expression added using since or for (oe) **B1**

(c) Answer: **e.g. They have been arguing all morning.**

Question 2

identifies that 'have painted' (present perfect simple) presents the job as finished, with the whole room now painted **B1**

identifies that 'have been painting' (present perfect continuous) emphasises the ongoing process or duration and does not confirm the job is completely finished (oe) **B1**

Answer: **'Have painted' suggests the job is complete, with the whole bedroom now painted, while 'have been painting' emphasises the process and how long it has taken, without necessarily confirming that the painting is completely finished.**

Question 3

(a) The girls have been training every morning before school. cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **The girls have been training every morning before school.**

(b) My dad has been fixing the car all weekend. cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **My dad has been fixing the car all weekend.**

(c) By the time we arrived, the film had been playing for twenty minutes. cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **By the time we arrived, the film had been playing for twenty minutes.**

(d) I have been waiting here since two o'clock. cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **I have been waiting here since two o'clock.**

Question 4

(a) a sensible present perfect continuous verb phrase (has/have been + -ing) that fits grammatically with since Monday (oe) **B1**

(a) Answer: **e.g. I have been revising for my science test since Monday.**

(b) a sensible past perfect continuous verb phrase (had been + -ing) that makes sense with by the time the final bell rang and the pupils (oe) **B1**

(b) Answer: **e.g. had been waiting outside the hall for ten minutes**

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