Exercise 34
Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in present perfect progressive tense.

Note: The present perfect progressive tense expresses the idea that something has happened continuously since some time in the past, and is still happening now.

Example: I / You / We / They (work) have been working for two hours.
Example: He / She / It (work) has been working for two hours.

1) I (write) _______ _______ _________ my new book for ten months.
   Writing it has taken a lot of hard work and research. Thankfully, it is almost finished.

2) The runners (race) _______ _______ _________ since 9:00 in the morning. Now it is 3:00 p.m., and the leaders are about to cross the finish line.

3) The weather has been dreary all week. It (rain) _______ _______ _________ since Monday. Hopefully, we will have some sunshine this weekend.

4) Anthony (play) _______ _______ ________ soccer his entire life. Soon, he will go to college on a soccer scholarship.

5) The baby (cry) _______ _______ _________ all night. He has been doing that every night since he was born. His parents are so tired. They are hoping that his sleeping habits will change soon!

6) Julian and I (try) _______ _______ _________ to find jobs for two weeks. We are a little discouraged, but we cannot give up.

7) Mrs. Burk is giving her students an algebra test right now. The students (take) _______ _______ _________ the test for thirty-five minutes. They have five minutes until time is up.

8) Ichiro is worried because his keys are lost. He needs to go to work. He (look) _______ _______ _________ for them for fifteen minutes. Let’s help him.