Exercise 35
Present Tense
Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in present perfect progressive tense.

Affirmative (+)

Example: He (wait) has been waiting on the train for two hours.

Negative (-)

Example: Don’t worry. We (not, wait) have not been waiting for you for long.

1) The children (play) _______ _______ _________ outside all day. They must be getting hungry by now. They need to come inside for dinner.

2) This week, we (read) _______ _______ _________ selections from the Romantic Period in Literature class. My favorite Romantic authors are Poe and Hawthorne.

3) The criminal has not been caught yet. The police (chase) _______ _______ _________ him since yesterday.

4) Lu Peng (make) _______ _______ _________ bread all day. It smells so good! His bakery is next door to our shop. We are taking two loaves of his fresh bread home when we close the shop tonight.

5) The construction workers (build) _______ _______ _________ that house all winter. They (not, work) _______ _______ _________ _________ on it this week, though, because it (rain) _______ _______ _________ every day since Monday.

6) The roses (not, bloom) _______ _______ _______ _________ much lately. We (not, water) _______ _______ _______ _________ them enough. The soil is getting dry.

7) I (not, sleep) _______ _______ _________ _________ very well lately. I think I need to get more exercise during the day. That would help me to feel tired at night.

8) Akira (learn) _______ _______ _________ about plants in her biology class. She is paying close attention to the lectures. She wants to become a botanist some day.