Exercise 5

Complete the conversations with positive and negative forms of the present perfect continuous.

A  George, how long ...............you ......................................... Japanese? (learn)

B  Japanese? Wait a minute. For about five years.

A  What a lovely smell!

B  My mum ..................................................... some cakes. (bake)

A  Why are your hands so dirty?

B  I ............................................................... my car. (clean)

A  You look so tired. You should have a rest.

B  Should I? But I .............................................................. so hard. (not work)

A  Why ............... Sarah ............................................. out lately? (not go)

B  She broke her leg while she was skiing.

A  Peter, why are you so noisy? I want to sleep!

B  Do you mean it? I .......................................................... any noise since I got up. (not make)

A  ............... you ............................................. for a long time? (cough)

B  Not really. It started the day before yesterday.

A  Mr. Gregson, how long ............... you ......................................... English? (not teach)

B  To tell the truth I've never taught English. But I'd like to try it.

A  Hi, Sam. How is your new girlfriend doing?

B  Susan? She ............................................................. to me since we had an argument. (not speak)

A  Have you heard about the bank robbery in King Street?

B  Yes, I have. The police .......................................................... for the robbers day and night. (look)
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Key with answers

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George, how long have you been learning Japanese?

My mum has been baking some cakes.

I have been cleaning my car.

But I have not been working so hard.

Why has Sarah not been going out lately?

I have not been making any noise since I got up.

Have you been coughing for a long time?

Mr. Gregson, how long have you not been teaching English?

She has not been speaking to me since we had an argument.

The police have been looking for the robbers day and night.