

1.
A: Sorry I'm so late. How long have you been waiting?
B: That's OK. I've only been waiting for ten minutes.
A: Have you been working at the Post Office long?
B: Yes, I have. I've been working here for ten years.
A: Your sister is a fine piano player.
B: Yes, she is. She's been playing the piano since she was eight years old.

2.
A: I just got home. How long has the phone been ringing?
B: It's been ringing for five minutes.
A: How come you haven't answered it yet?
B: I just got home myself. I've been shopping.
A: Hello? Oh, hello, Tom. I'm sorry no one answered your call. We weren't home.
B: It's Tom again? He's been calling all morning.

3.
A: How long have Mr. and Mrs. Jones been living in San Francisco?
B: They've been living here for the last six years.
A: How long have they been remodeling their kitchen?
B: They've been remodeling it for the last six months.
A: I hope they finish it soon. They need a kitchen.
B: Yes, they do. They've been using mine for the last six weeks.

4.
A: What is your car doing? It has problems.
B: It's been making strange noises all morning.
A: Have you taken it to a mechanic?
B: No. I've been trying to fix it myself.
A: You should take it to my brother's shop. He's been fixing cars for years.
B: That's a good idea. Please give me his card. I'll call him right away.

5.
A: What are you and your friends doing?
B: We're standing in line for movie tickets.
A: Oh? How long have you been standing in line?
B: We've been waiting in this line for a half hour.
A: The movie you're going to see must be popular.
B: Yes, it is. It's been playing in this theater for several months.

6.
A: What are you doing? Why have you been running from one room to another?
B: I'm upset. I've been looking for my car keys. I can't find them.
A: When is the last time you used the car?
B: I haven't been driving for a while.
A: That's probably why you can't find the keys.
B: There they are. They've been sitting on that table all this time. I just didn't see them.

7.
A: You look tired. What have you been doing?
B: I've been writing letters since ten o'clock this morning.
A: Really? How many letters have you written?
B: You won't believe this, but I've already written fifteen letters.
A: Fifteen letters? No wonder you're tired.
B: Yes, and I've already drunk three cups of tea.

8.
A: Maria looks exhausted. What has she been doing?
B: She's been baking cookies since nine o'clock this morning.
A: Really? How many cookies has she baked?
B: I don't know. I haven't been counting her cookies.
A: Has she baked enough cookies for our big party?
B: I'm sure she's already baked more than enough.

9.
A: How long has Bob been taking photographs?
B: He's been taking photographs since nine o'clock this morning.
A: How many photographs has he taken?
B: Believe it or not, he's already taken twenty pictures.
A: I've been trying to get my picture taken for two days.
B: I know. Bob is the best photographer in the city. He's very busy.

10.
A: You've been going on job interviews all morning.
B: Yes, I have. I've been talking to many employers.
A: Have you had any luck finding a job?
B: Yes, I have. I've already received two job offers.
A: That's great. You've been looking for a job for a long time.
B: Yes. I've been hoping to get a better job with a better salary.

11.

A: You've been yawning all day. What's up?

B: I haven't been sleeping very well lately.

A: That's a shame. Why haven't you been sleeping?

B: I've been waking up in the middle of the night a lot.

A: You should try drinking Nighty Night tea. It will help you sleep.

B: That's a good idea. I haven't been doing anything about my sleeping problem.

12.

A: You've been acting nervous all day. What's up?

B: I'm going to fly in an airplane tomorrow.

A: Haven't you ever flown in an airplane before?

B: No, I haven't. I've been worrying about it for weeks.

A: Don't worry! I've been flying in airplanes for years.

B: OK. I guess there's nothing to be nervous about.

13.

A: Toshi has been living in a small town in Japan all his life.

B: Yes, and now he's going to move to San Francisco.

A: He's nervous, because he's never studied English.

B: His cousins have been studying English for years.

A: They'll be able to help him.

B: Toshi has been speaking Japanese all his life.

14.

A: Toshi has never shopped at an American supermarket.

B: Toshi's cousins have been shopping in American supermarkets for years.

A: That's great. They'll be able to help him to adjust.

B: Toshi has been eating only Japanese food.

A: His cousins have been eating hamburgers for years.

B: They've also been having stomach problems.

15.

A: Toshi has been taking his girlfriend to the movies for years.

B: Now, Toshi will have to leave his girlfriend.

A: Toshi's cousins have been dating in America for years.

B: That's nice. They'll be able to introduce him to their friends.

A: Toshi has never left his small town in Japan.

B: His cousins have been traveling around for years.

16.

A: How are you feeling, Mr. Jackson?

B: Well, Doctor, I've been having a back problem.

A: How long have you been having this problem?

B: It's been bothering me for two weeks.

A: Have you ever had a back problem before?

B: No, I haven't. This is the first time.

17.

A: How is your appetite? Have you been eating well lately?

B: I've been eating a balanced diet, I think.

A: A lot of people have been coming to me with back problems recently.

B: What do you usually recommend?

A: I've been advising my patients to exercise regularly.

18.

A: This is a list of exercises. Do them twice a day.

B: Have your other patients been using these exercises.

A: Yes, they have. And they've been getting good results.

B: Well, thank you. Frankly, I haven't been exercising much.

A: It's not easy to make time to exercise. But, try it.

B: I've been thinking about exercise for a long time.

19.

A: Mario has been assembling cameras since 7 A.M.

B: Really? How many cameras has he assembled?

A: He's assembled 19 cameras so far.

B: He's never assembled that many cameras in one day before.

A: I know. Fortunately, he only has to assemble one more camera. Then, he can go home.

B: I bet he's looking forward to a break.

20.

A: Judy has been typing letters since 9 A.M.

B: Really? How many letters has she typed so far?

A: She's typed 25 letters today, and she's tired.

B: She's never typed that many letters in one day before.

A: I know that. Fortunately, she only has to type one more letter. Then, she can go home.

B: I bet she's looking forward to a relaxing dinner.