Perfect Tenses Exercises 2

A. Use the correct tense (The Present Perfect / The Present Perfect Progressive)

1. The children are at the park. They ________________ (play) ball for the last two hours, but they don't seem to be tired yet.

2. Tom ________________ (sleep) in the downstairs bedroom only once. He usually sleeps upstairs in the bedroom he shares with his brother.

3. Since tea time Eleni ________________ (do) sums in her exercise book. She ________________ (do) fifty.

4. They ________________ (pull) down most of the houses in this street, but they ________________ (not touch) the old shop at the corner yet.

5. I wonder if anything ________________ (happen) to Ben. I ________________ (wait) for an hour now. He ________________ (often / keep) me waiting but he ________________ (never / be) quite so late as this.

B. Put the verbs in the correct form using the past perfect or past simple as appropriate. Use the continuous forms if necessary.

1. Jack ________________ (graduate) in 1987. He ________________ (spend) two years applying for jobs before he ________________ (be offered) the one he ________________. (want)

2. Tom ________________ (look) for the right person to be his wife for five years before he ________________ (meet) and (fall) in love with Sally.

3. Mary ________________ (have) a nervous breakdown last year but no one ________________ (be) surprised because she ________________ (work) much too hard for months.

4. A: Why ________________ (you / not go) to see the film at the Odeon last week? I ________________ (think) you ________________ (like) Paul Newman.
   B: Because I ________________ (already / see) it. I ________________ (watch) it when it ________________ (be) on in London.

5. John ________________ (receive) treatment for two years before he finally ________________ (be told) he ________________ (be cured).