LESSON 8 - ANSWERS

LIVING ON THE STREETS BY ENRICO SANCHEZ

It's been raining since last night. The ground is still wet. John Tarver has been sitting on the same park bench for hours. His clothes are soaked and he's been coughing all morning. A while ago, someone gave him a bowl of hot soup. It's no longer warm, but john has been eating it anyway.

How did he end up like this? John, a former building superintendent, lost his job and his apartment when he hurt his back. He has been living on the street since then, and he is not alone. John is just one of the possible seven million Americans who have been making their homes in the streets, parks, and subway stations of our cities. The number of homeless men, women, and children has been climbing steadily since 1980 and will continue to rise until the government takes action.

Source: The National Coalition for the Homeless.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1. How long has it been raining?
   It's been raining since last night.

2. How long has John Tarver been sitting on the same park bench?
   He's been sitting on the same park bench for hours.

3. How long has John Tarver been coughing?
   He's been coughing for all morning.

4. How long has John been eating his soup?
   He's been eating his soup since someone gave it to him.

5. How long has John been living on the street?
   He's been living on the street since he hurt his back.

6. How long has the number of homeless people been increasing?
   It's been increasing steadily since 1980.