Gap Filling Exercise

Make meaningful sentences by filling in the blanks with an appropriate word or phrase. This grammar exercise allows you to practice auxiliary verbs and inversion.

1. I have always …………….. play games well.
   could
   been able to
   able to

2. He has always …………….. to do what he wanted.
   could
   been allowed
   Either could be used here

3. One cannot help but …………….. his courage.
   to admire
   admire

4. ……………..do you want a holiday?
   How
   How much
   How far
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5. I will have tea ................ coffee.
   instead
   instead of
   without

6. They often go fishing ................ going to school.
   instead
   without
   instead of

7. Stella often goes to the movies ............... telling her parents.
   instead
   instead of
   without

8. I am interested .................... what she did with that money.
   to find out
   in finding out
   Either could be used here
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9. At no time ................. aware of what was happening.
   was he
   he was
   has he

10. Only then ............. understand what he meant.
    I did
    did I
    had I

11. I wondered what time ..............
    was the show starting
    was starting the show
    the show was starting

12. I tried ............. the doctor but my hands were numb.
    to call
    calling
    Either could be used here
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Answers

1. I have always been able to play games well.
2. He has always been allowed to do what he wanted.
3. One cannot help but admire his courage.
4. How much do you want a holiday?
5. I will have tea instead of coffee.
6. They often go fishing instead of going to school.
7. Stella often goes to the movies without telling her parents.
8. I am interested to find out / in finding out what she did with that money.
9. At no time was he aware of what was happening.
10. Only then did I understand what he meant.
11. I wondered what time the show was starting.
12. I tried calling / to call the doctor but my hands were numb.