Gap Filling Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks.

1. He .............................................. absent since Monday.

   is
   
   was
   
   has been

2. Suddenly I realized that we ........................................ before.

   met
   
   have met
   
   had met

3. I .............................................. my homework before I went out to play.
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Please select 2 correct answers

finished
have finished
had finished

4. She said that she ........................................ the letter.

posted
has posted
had posted

5. The train ........................................ before we reached the station.

was left
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6. He ........................................... the watch shortly after he .............................. it.
   lost, had bought
   had lost, bought
   had lost, had bought

7. When I reached his house, I found that he ..............................
   has already gone
   had already gone
   is already gone
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8. He started shouting before I ................................ a word.

Please select 2 correct answers

- said
- had said
- have said

9. She ........................................... as a nurse for well over three decades.

- is working
- has been working
- was working

10. He ........................................... at the gate for a long time.
11. It ........................................... 40 minutes by train.

12. I cannot let ......................................... of him.
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Answers

He has been absent since Monday.
Suddenly I realized that we had met before.
I finished / had finished my homework before I went out to play.
She said that she had posted the letter.
The train had left before we reached the station.
He lost the watch shortly after he had bought it.
When I reached his house, I found that he had already gone.
He started shouting before I had said a word.
She has been working as a nurse for well over three decades.
He has been working at the gate for a long time.
It takes 40 minutes by train.
I cannot let go of him.