

# Gap fills exercise - tenses

Complete the following sentences using appropriate verb forms.

1. The major said that it ..... him great pleasure to be there that evening.
  - a) gives
  - b) gave
  - c) was giving
2. He said that he ..... go as soon as it was possible.
  - a) will
  - b) would
  - c) can
3. The teacher often tells me that if I ..... hard I will fail.
  - a) didn't work
  - b) don't work
  - c) hadn't worked
4. The lecturer said Akbar was just and ..... the respect of all races and classes.
  - a) won
  - b) had won

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c) has won

5. He replied that he ..... to reward his soldiers and that he had kept his word.

a) promised

b) had promised

c) would promise

6. The lion told the mouse that he was very weak and that his teeth ..... out.

a) fell

b) have fallen

c) had fallen

7. The magistrate asked the accused what ..... with his hand in the gentleman's pocket.

a) was he doing

b) he was doing

c) had he done

8. The stranger asked Alice where she .....

a) was living

b) lives

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c) lived

9. The king asked the philosopher whom he ..... the happiest man alive.

a) consider

b) considered

c) was considering

10. He asked me whether I ..... him.

a) would accompany

b) will accompany

c) have accompanied

## Answers

1. The major said that it gave him great pleasure to be there that evening.

2. He said that he would go as soon as it was possible.

3. The teacher often tells me that if I don't work hard I will fail.

4. The lecturer said Akbar was just and won the respect of all races and classes.

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