

# General Grammar Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word or phrase.

1. We ..... each other since our school days.

know

knew

have known

2. They had been close friends since Janet ..... small.

is

was

has been

3. In my opinion, too ..... mathematics is taught in schools.

many

much

more

4. Politics ..... a dirty game.

is

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are  
have

5. The unemployment statistics  
..... disturbing.

is  
are

6. Cattle ..... dying due to  
drought.

is  
are  
was

7. They have a house on the .....  
of the city.

outskirt  
outskirts  
Either could be used here

8. They are raising ..... for

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disadvantaged children.

fund  
funds

9. My ..... too tight.

trouser is  
trousers is  
trousers are

10. If I were in that situation, I would scream until somebody ..... to help me.

comes  
would come  
came

11. A couple of my friends .....  
visiting us today.

is  
are  
Either could be used here

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12. Half of his students .....  
understand his theories.

doesn't

don't

Either could be used here

## Answers

1. We have known each other since our school days.
2. They had been close friends since Janet was small.
3. In my opinion, too much mathematics is taught in schools.
4. Politics is a dirty game.
5. The unemployment statistics are disturbing.
6. Cattle are dying due to drought.
7. They have a house on the outskirts of the city.
8. They are raising funds for disadvantaged children.
9. My trousers are too tight.
10. If I were in that situation, I would scream until somebody came to help me.
11. A couple of my friends are visiting us today.
12. Half of his students don't understand his theories.