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Complete the following sentences.

1. ……………….. – I will look after you.
   Not worry
   Worry not
   Don't worry

2. I liked the salad but I ………………….. the soup.
   don't like
   didn't like
   didn't liked

3. It is important that she ………………….. what is happening.
   don't realize
   not realize
   doesn't realize

4. You ……………….. Margaret – she already knows.
   needn't tell
   needn't to tell
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5. ………………….. quick results when you start learning a new language.

Expect not
Not expect
Do not expect

6. It is important ………………….. waste your time.

to not
not to
to don't

7. You seldom work on Sundays, …………………..?

do you
don't you
didn't you

8. He has few reasons for quitting, …………………..?

has he
hasn't he
Either could be used here
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9. There is little point in asking him, ..................?
   is there
   isn't there

10. She doesn’t work here, .......................?
    does she
    doesn't she
    hasn't she

Answers
1. Don’t worry – I will look after you.
2. I liked the salad but I didn’t like the soup.
3. It is important that she not realize what is happening. (Do is not used with negative subjunctives.)
4. You needn’t tell Margaret – she already knows.
5. Do not expect quick results when you start learning a new language.
6. It is important not to waste your time.
7. You seldom work on Sundays, do you?
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8. He has few reasons for quitting, has he? (The words few, little and seldom have negative meanings, and hence they are followed by affirmative tags.)

9. There is little point in asking him, is there?

10. She doesn’t work here, does she?