Present Perfect Or Simple Past Tense Exercise

Fill in the blanks with a simple past or present perfect tense form.

1. She ...................... to anybody in her life.
   never apologized
   has never apologized
   Either could be used here

2. I am sure we ................. before.
   never met
   have never met
   Either could be used here

3. I ................. a word with the manager in the morning.
   had
   have had
   Either could be used here

4. I ............... two movies yesterday.
   watched
   have watched
   Either could be used here
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5. How long ..................... in love with him?

were you
have you been
are you

6. She ................. at thirty-nine.

died
dead
has died

7. The number of unemployed .................. ten million.

reached
has reached
had reached

8. ...................... the people who live next door?

Did you ever meet
Have you ever met
Either could be used here
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9. The Defense Minister ............... a meeting with the Prime Minister yesterday.

had
has had
had had

10. During the two hour meeting, they .............. the economic situation.

discussed
have discussed
had discussed

11. We ................. that you have homes to let.

heard
have heard
Either could be used here

12. Who ................. the telephone?

invented
has invented
had invented
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Answers

1. She has never apologized to anybody in her life.
2. I am sure we have met before.
3. I had a word with the manager in the morning.
4. I watched two movies yesterday.
5. How long have you been in love with him?
6. She died at thirty-nine.
7. The number of unemployed has reached ten million.
8. Have you ever met the people who live next door?
9. The Defense Minister had a meeting with the Prime Minister yesterday.
10. During the two hour meeting, they discussed the economic situation.
11. We heard / have heard that you have homes to let.
12. Who invented the telephone?