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Fill in the blanks.

1. ‘I like oranges,’ she said. She said that she ....................... oranges.

liked
like
likes

2. ‘I am working on a new project,’ he said. He said that he ......................... on a new project.

is working
am working
was working

3. ‘We have been waiting for you,’ she said. She said that they ......................... for me.
4. ‘I have passed the test,’ she said. She said that ................................ had passed the test.

I

she

Either could be used here

5. ‘I sent the money yesterday,’ he said. He said that he ................................ the money the previous day.

sent

has sent
6. ‘John was waiting for you,’ he told me. He told me that John ………………… for me.

was waiting

had been waiting

Either could be used here

7. ‘My father will come tomorrow,’ he said. He said that his father ………………… the following day.

will come

would come

would be coming
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8. ‘I am not going to do it,’ he says. He says that he ................................ to do it.

was not going

is not going

am not going

9. ‘They haven’t arrived yet,’ he said. He ............................ that they hadn’t arrived yet.

told

complained

asked

10. ‘What are you doing in my room?’ she asked. She asked what .......................... in her room.

am I doing
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was I doing

I was doing

11. ‘Do you know her?’ he asked me. He asked me ................. I knew her.

Please select 2 correct answers

if

whether

that

weather

12. ‘This is not what we expected,’ they said. They said that that was not what .................

they expect
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they have expected

they had expected

Answers

‘I like oranges,’ she said. She said that she liked oranges.
‘I am working on a new project,’ he said. He said that he was working on a new project.
‘We have been waiting for you,’ she said. She said that they had been waiting for me.
‘I have passed the test,’ she said. She said that she had passed the test.
‘I sent the money yesterday,’ he said. He said that he had sent the money the previous day.
‘John was waiting for you,’ he told me. He told me that John had been waiting for me.
‘My father will come tomorrow,’ he said. He said that his father would come the following day.
‘I am not going to do it,’ he says. He says that he is not going to do it.
‘They haven’t arrived yet,’ he said. He complained that they hadn’t arrived yet.
‘What are you doing in my room?’ she asked. She asked what I was doing in her room.
‘Do you know her?’ he asked me. He asked me if / whether I knew her.
‘This is not what we expected,’ they said. They said that that was not what they had expected.