

# Sequence Of Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks with appropriate verbs. Remember to observe the rules regarding the sequence of tenses.

1. They sold the house because it .....  
old.

is  
was  
has been

2. I found out that he .....

is lying  
was lying  
has lied

3. I never thought that I ..... see him  
again.

will  
would  
had

4. She replied that she ..... better.

feel

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feels

felt

5. Whenever we meet, we ..... of our school days.

talk

talked

would talk

6. He was so tired that he ..... barely stand.

can

is able to

could

7. He asked again whether supper ..... ready.

is

was

will be

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8. He worked hard that he ..... win the first prize.

- may
- can
- might

9. He said that money ..... the root cause of all evil.

- is
- was
- Either could be used here

10. His health has improved since he ..... the city.

- leaves
- left
- had left

11. You may come and stay with us whenever you .....

- want
- wants

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wanted

12. He rested his horse for it .....

limps

was limping

has been limping

## Answers

1. They sold the house because it was old.
2. I found out that he was lying.
3. I never thought that I would see him again.
4. She replied that she felt better.
5. Whenever we meet, we talk of our school days.
6. He was so tired that he could barely stand.
7. He asked again whether supper was ready.
8. He worked hard that he might win the first prize.
9. He said that money is / was the root cause of all evil.
10. His health has improved since he left the city.
11. You may come and stay with us whenever you want.
12. He rested his horse for it was limping.