Simple past or present perfect tense exercise

Can you use simple past and present perfect tenses correctly? Test your understanding of tenses with this grammar exercise.

1. His father ............................... last year.
   died
   has died

2. James ................................. school at fourteen.
   has left
   left
   had left

3. I ................................. him for ten years.
   knew
   know
   have known

4. I ................................. all of her novels.
   read
   have read
   has read
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5. You ........................................... me for anything.
   never thanked
   have never thanked
   had never thanked

6. I .......................................... a strange experience last night.
   had
   have had
   had had

7. Suddenly I ................................ a knock on the door.
   have heard
   heard
   was hearing

8. There ................................... no one to rescue the child.
   has been
   was
   had been
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9. The fox ........................................... to eat the bunch of grapes hanging from the vine.
   has wanted
   wanted
   had wanted

10. This castle ....................................... in the 16th century.
    has been built
    had been built
    was built

11. I .............................................. pity for the poor beggar.
    have felt
    had felt
    felt

12. You ............................................... for the grand finale.
    have selected
    were
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have been selected

Answers

1. His father died last year.
2. James left school at fourteen.
3. I have known him for ten years.
4. I have read all of her novels.
5. You have never thanked me for anything.
6. I had a strange experience last night.
7. Suddenly I heard a knock on the door.
8. There was no one to rescue the child.
9. The fox wanted to eat the bunch of grapes hanging from the vine.
10. This castle was built in the 16th century.
11. I felt pity for the poor beggar.
12. You have been selected for the grand finale.