

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.