Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb form.

1. I ................................ some old friends at the party yesterday.
   - met
   - have met

2. She ................................ some novels.
   - wrote
   - has written

3. There ................................ an explosion near the hotel at 8 am.
   - was
   - has been
Simple Past vs. Present Perfect Tense

4. There ......................... an explosion near the hotel.

has been

was

5. It is time you ...................... that roof repaired.

got

got

have got

6. The cops ......................... the thief but they couldn’t catch him.

have chased
Simple Past vs. Present Perfect Tense

7. She …………………………… any interest in building a career.

never showed
has never shown

8. I ……………………………. him since January.

did not see
have not seen
had not see

9. She didn’t get the promotion although she ……………………………. it.

deserved
has deserved
10. Suddenly I ................................ that I hadn’t locked the door.

realized

have realized

11. The child started crying as soon as she ................................ her mother.

saw

seen

had seen

12. She ............................. him instantly.

recognized

has recognized
Simple Past vs. Present Perfect Tense

Answers

I met some old friends at the party yesterday.
She has written some novels
There was an explosion near the hotel at 8 am.
There has been an explosion near the hotel.
It is time you got that roof repaired.
The cops chased the thief but they couldn’t catch him.
She has never shown any interest in building a career.
I have not seen him since January.
She didn’t get the promotion although she deserved it.
Suddenly I realized that I hadn’t locked the door.
The child started crying as soon as she saw her mother.