Simple Past vs. Present Perfect vs. Simple Present vs. Past Perfect

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb form.

1. I ................................ for hours but he didn’t come.
   waited
   wait
   have waited

2. She ..................................... in several movies.
   acted
   has acted
   acts

3. The train .................................. a few minutes ago.
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left
has left
leaves

4. Make sure that you ................................ on time.

arrive
have arrived
arrived

5. The poor man made sure that his children never ................................

starve
starved
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have starved

6. You will get the promotion if you ................................... it.

deserve

deserved

have deserved

7. They realized that they ................................. a major blunder.

committed

have committed

had committed
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8. We ................................. anything from them in over a month.

- did not hear
- have not heard
- had not heard

9. They ............................... two wickets before rain interrupted the match.

- took
- have taken
- had taken

10. Dad ............................... home from work at 6.30.

- reaches
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11. Mother ........................................ the weekends with her parents.

spend

spends

has spent

12. She started crying as soon as she ................................ me.

saw

has seen

had seen
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Answers

1. I waited for hours but he didn’t come.

2. She has acted in several movies.

3. The train left a few minutes ago.

4. Make sure that you arrive on time.

5. The poor man made sure that his children never starved.

6. You will get the promotion if you deserve it.

7. They realized that they had committed a major blunder.

8. We have not heard anything from them in over a month.

9. They had taken two wickets before rain interrupted the match.

10. Dad reaches home from work at 6.30.

11. Mother spends the weekends with her parents.

12. She started crying as soon as she saw me.