Tense recognition exercise

Do you know all the different tenses in English? Can you recognize them by just looking at their form? Here is a grammar exercise to test your understanding of tenses. You just need to read the sentences given below. They are in different tenses. See if you can identify them.

1. Who will have come to my rescue?

   Simple future
   Future continuous
   Future perfect tense

2. The boy is learning his lessons.

   Simple present
   Present continuous tense
   Present perfect

3. Girls outnumber boys in this class.

   Simple present
   Present continuous
   Present perfect

4. What do you mean?

   Simple present
   Present continuous
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5. I don’t know where she lives.

Simple present
Present continuous
Present perfect

6. Burglars broke into his shop yesterday.

Simple past
Past continuous
Past perfect

7. I can no longer tolerate this injustice.

Simple present
Present continuous
Present perfect

8. She has been waiting for his call since morning.

Simple present
Present continuous
Present perfect continuous
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9. This time tomorrow I will be playing with my kids.

Simple future
Future continuous
Future perfect

10. Somebody has let the cat in.

Simple present
Present continuous
Present perfect

11. Will you please come with me?

Simple future
Future continuous
Future perfect

12. She finished the work in time.

Simple past
Future continuous
Future perfect
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13. Have you learned your lessons?

Simple present
Present continuous
Future perfect

14. She had been bedridden for years before her death.

Simple past
Past continuous
Past perfect

Answers

1. Future perfect tense (Form: will / shall have + past participle)

2. Present continuous (Form: is / am / are + ing form)

3. Simple present (Form: base form of the verb)

4. Simple present

5. Simple present

6. Simple past (Form: past tense form of the verb)
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7. Simple present

8. Present perfect continuous (Form: has / have been + ing form)

9. Future continuous (Form: will be + ing form)

10. Present perfect (Form: has / have + past participle)

11. Simple future (interrogative) (Form: will + base form of the verb)

12. Simple past

13. Present perfect

14. Past perfect

15. Simple past

16. Simple past