

# Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate tense form.

1. I ..... of visiting America.

think

am thinking

Either could be used here

2. He ..... ill since last week.

was

has been

had been

3. My dog is very silly; he .....  
after cats.

always runs

is always running

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4. The steamer ..... yesterday.

sailed

has sailed

is sailing

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5. We ..... anything from them for months.

hadn't heard

haven't heard

didn't hear

6. I phoned her because I ..... to talk.

wanted

was wanting

have wanted

7. I ..... his parents tomorrow.

see

am seeing

have seen

8. .... in ghosts?

Do you believe

Are you believing

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9. I didn't know how long she  
..... there.

- was sitting
- has been sitting
- had been sitting

10. The Rhine ..... into the North Sea.

- has run
- runs
- is running

11. When I reached home I noticed that water  
..... down the wall.

- run
- was running
- has been running

12. .... her tastes, I sent her some  
flowers.

- Knowing
- Has known
- Known

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## Answers

1. I am thinking of visiting America.
2. He has been ill since last week.
3. My dog is very silly; he always runs / is always running after cats.
4. The steamer sailed yesterday.
5. We haven't heard anything from them for months.
6. I phoned her because I wanted to talk.
7. I am seeing his parents tomorrow.
8. Do you believe in ghosts?
9. I didn't know how long she had been sitting there.
10. The Rhine runs into the North Sea.
11. When I reached home I noticed that water was running down the wall.
12. Knowing her tastes, I sent her some flowers.