Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb form.

1. By the time they found him, he
   ........................................
   died
   had died
   Either could be used here

2. He ..................................... many years ago.
   died
   had died
   has died

3. By that time, everybody
   ........................................ asleep.
   was
   had been

4. She told me that something
   ........................................ to him.
   happened
   had happened
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5. I ............................................... about it until you mentioned it.

didn't think
hadn't thought

6. She ........................................... him at once.

has recognized
recognized
had recognized

7. I ............................................. him yesterday.

saw
have seen
had seen


born
was born
had born
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9. I ............................................... enough time to finish the job.

   didn't get
   hadn't got

10. When I arrived at the party, everybody ........................................ home.

   went
   has gone
   had gone

11. I wondered who ........................................... the cat in.

   let
   had let
   has let

12. I thought I ............................................... the money.

   sent
   have sent
   had sent
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Answers

By the time they found him, he had died.
He died many years ago.
By that time, everybody was asleep.
She told me that something had happened to him.
I hadn’t thought about it until you mentioned it.
She recognized him at once.
I saw him yesterday.
He was born in 1960.
I didn’t get enough time to finish the job.
When I arrived at the party, everybody had already gone home.
I wondered who had let the cat in.
I thought I had sent the money.