Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb form.

1. I …………………………… to the manager about my holiday in the morning.

   - spoke
   - had spoken
   - have spoken

2. We …………………………… to the theatre last night.

   - went
   - have gone
   - had gone

3. He …………………………… the pictures on the wall.

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4. The ship has ........................................

- sank
- sunk
- drowned

5. When I went there I found that he
........................................

- was left
- has left
- had left
6. He ........................................ to me since our last meeting.

- didn't speak
- hasn't spoken
- hadn't spoken

7. We ........................................ tennis every day.

- play
- are playing
- have played

8. Neither of the messengers ................................ returned.

- are
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9. The quality of these apples ........................................ not good.

   is

   are

   were

10. Death ................................................. his icy hand on all.

   lies

   lay

   lays
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11. I ____________________________ it a moment ago.

    hears
    heard
    have heard

12. He ____________________________ there for the last two hours.

    is waiting
    has been waiting
    was waiting

Answers

I spoke to the manager about my holiday in the morning.
We went to the theatre last night.
He hung the pictures on the wall.
The ship has sunk.
When I went there, I found that he had left.
He hasn’t spoken to me since our last meeting.
We play tennis every day.
Neither of the messengers has returned.
The quality of these apples is not good.
Death lays his icy hand on all.
I heard it a moment ago.
He has been waiting there for the last two hours.