Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks.

1. He .............................. his hand.
   - rose
   - raised

2. Don’t blow it up too much. You will .............................. the balloon.
   - burst
   - bursted
   - bursten

3. He .............................. in the morning.
   - called
   - has called
4. We ........................................ all of our friends.

invited

have invited

had invited

5. Where ........................................ all this while?

have you been

had you been

were you

6. Trouble began shortly after he ........................................
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arrived

had arrived

Either could be used here

7. I ........................................ from them for a long time.

didn't hear

haven't heard

hadn't heard

8. I will ..................................... you something but keep it a secret.

tell

say
9. Neither of the passengers has tickets.

10. The flowers on this plant have no fragrance.

11. None of them were present at the party.
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12. Germs ...................................... in cold weather.

- thrive
- are thriving
- have thriven

Answers

He raised his hand.
Don’t blow it up too much. You will burst the balloon.
He called in the morning.
We have invited all of our friends.
Where have you been all this while?
Trouble began shortly after he arrived / had arrived.
I haven’t heard from them for a long time.
I will tell you something but keep it a secret.
Neither of the passengers has tickets.
The flowers on this plant have no fragrance.
None of them was present at the party.
Germs thrive in cold weather.