Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks.

1. He crashed his car shortly after he ................................ it.
   - bought
   - had bought
   - has bought

2. I .......................... my work before I went out to play.
   - finished
   - had finished
   - have finished

3. He ......................... ill for about a month before he died.
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6. We ........................................... here since 1990.

are living

were living

have been living

had been living

7. He ........................................... here for 2 hours.

is waiting

was waiting

has been waiting
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8. I ………………………. them for a long time.

am not meeting

have not met

do not meet

9. Although the driver was badly hurt, he could explain what ……………………….

happened

have happened

had happened

10. Neither of the boys ………………………. arrived.

has
11. One of the students ......................... missing.

   have

   are gone

   have gone

   has gone

12. How they ................................. is a mystery.

   escape

   have escaped

   escaped
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Answers

He crashed his car shortly after he had bought it.
I had finished my work before I went out to play.
He had been ill for about a month before he died.
The show had begun before we reached the venue.
No one took care of the children after their parents had died.
We have been living here since 1990.
He has been waiting here for 2 hours.
I have not met them for a long time.
Although the driver was badly hurt, he could explain what had happened.
Neither of the boys has arrived.
One of the students has gone missing.
How they escaped is a mystery.