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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4. The show ........................................ before we reached the venue.

has begun

had begun

began

5. No one took care of the children after their parents .................................

died

have died
Tenses Exercise

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
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
Tenses Exercise

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

are gone

have gone

has gone

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

escape

have escaped

escaped
Tenses Exercise

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.