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.
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
6. We ............................... here since 1990.

had died
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.

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

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

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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.