Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate tense form.

1. The government …………………….. this law last week.
   - amended
   - has amended
   - have amended

2. The university ……………………… in 1930.
   - founded
   - was found
   - was founded

3. Slavery …………………………….. in 1865.
   - abolished
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was abolished

had abolished

4. She insisted that she .................................. anything wrong.

didn't do

hadn't done

hasn't done

5. He ............................................. his parents every month.

visits

is visiting

has visited

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6. An honest officer …………………………… respect.

- is inspiring
- inspires
- has inspired

7. Every cat …………………………… a home.

- deserves
- is deserving
- has deserved

8. The robbers …………………………… before the police arrived on the scene.

- escaped
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9. Give me a call before you ..............................................

- come
- came
- will come

10. I would rather you .................................................. for your drinks.

- pay
- paid
- have paid
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11. At last he ............................. a good job.

found
has found
had found

12. You ............................... him a liar.

wouldn't have called
couldn't have called
shouldn't have called

Answers

The government amended this law last week.
The university was founded in 1930.
Slavery was abolished in 1865.
She insisted that she hadn’t done anything wrong.
He visits his parents every month.
An honest officer inspires respect.
Everyone deserves respect.
The robbers had escaped before the police arrived on the scene.
I would rather you paid for your drinks.
Give me a call before you come.
At last he has found a good job.
You shouldn’t have called him a liar.