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

   - abolished
4. She insisted that she \ldots anything wrong.

- didn't do
- hadn't done
- hasn't done

5. He \ldots his parents every month.

- visits
- is visiting
- has visited
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
9. Give me a call before you ...........................................

come

came

will come

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

pay

paid

have paid
Tenses Exercise

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.