Tenses Gap Filling Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate tense form.

1. Sugar ………………………… flies.
   - attract
   - attracts
   - is attracting

2. Suspense novels ………………………… a special attention for me.
   - are holding
   - hold
   - holds

3. The mourners ……………………………… in black.
   - attired
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4. The defendant ....................... by his attorney.

represented
has represented
was represented

5. The accident ....................... to faulty brakes.

attributed
was attributed
was contributed
6. Skydiving ................................ both audacity and skill.

- takes
- taken
- is taking

7. The audience ............................... happy with the play.

- is
- are

Either could be used here

8. The settlers ............................... the burning of the fort by destroying a tribal village.

- revenged
9. Cats have an aversion to get wet.

10. People who are too avid for success may miss some of the joys of life.
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11. The grandparents ........................................ custody of the children.

have awarded
awarded
were awarded

12. The salesman kept babbling, until they ......................... the door.

shut
shutted
shutting

Answers
Sugar attracts flies.
Suspense novels hold a special attention for me.
The mourners were attired in black.
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The defendant was represented by his attorney.
The accident was attributed to faulty brakes.
Skydiving takes both audacity and skill.
The audience is/are happy with the play.
The settlers avenged the burning of the fort by destroying a tribal village.
Cats have an aversion to getting wet.
People who are too avid for success may miss some of the joys of life.
The grandparents were awarded custody of the children.
The salesman kept babbling, until they shut the door.