## Verbs Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb form.

1. The government ......................... a consumer protection agency last month.
   - institutes
   - instituted
   - has instituted

2. The university ......................... to establish an institute for Asian studies.
   - plans
   - will plan
   - has planned

3. The institution of slavery ......................... once widespread.
4. She ....................... that she heard someone in the house.

insists

insisted

has insisted

5. The auditor ......................... the books every month.

inspects

is inspecting
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had inspected

6. A fair and kind employer ................................ loyalty.

has inspired

inspires

inspired

7. Everyone ........................................... as an individual.

should recognize

should be recognized

8. When we got talking I found out that we ................................ at school together twenty-
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five years before.

were

have been

had been

9. My mom has a strange accent. She almost ................................ foreign.

has sounded

sounds

sounded

10. I will call you before I .................

came

come
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11. He ................................ school when he was twelve.

   has left
   left
   had left

12. You .................................... me you were not coming.

   could tell
   could have told

Answers

1. The government instituted a consumer protection agency last month.
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2. The university plans to establish an institute for Asian studies.

3. The institution of slavery was once widespread.

4. She insisted that she heard someone in the house.

5. The auditor inspects the books every month.

6. A fair and kind employer inspires loyalty.

7. Everyone should be recognized as an individual.

8. When we got talking I found out that we had been at school together twenty-five years before.

9. My mom has a strange accent. She almost sounds foreign.

10. I will call you before I come.

11. He left school when he was twelve.

12. You could have told me you were not coming.