

# Verbs Exercise

Fill in the blanks.

1. My friend ..... for about a month.

is ill

has been ill

has ill

2. He said that he ..... her last year.

saw

had seen

Either could be used here

3. I ..... my work before he came to see me.

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finished

had finished

Either could be used here

4. He ..... before his mother arrived.

left

had left

Either could be used here

5. The show ..... before we reached the venue.

began

had begun

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Either could be used here

6. He ..... his wealth shortly after he ..... it.

squandered away, had inherited

had squandered away, inherited

had squandered away, had inherited

7. When I reached there I found that the tiger  
.....

disappeared

had disappeared

Either could be used here

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8. He lost his temper before I  
..... a word.

said

had said

Either could be used here

9. My friend ..... in Mumbai  
since 1990.

is working

has been working

was working

10. He ..... for you since 8  
o'clock.

is working

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has been working

was working

11. I ..... to school by bus.

go

am going

12. I ..... him to go.

said

told

## Answers

1. My friend has been ill for about a month.
2. He said that he had seen her last year.

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3. I finished / had finished my work before he came to see me.
4. He left / had left before his mother arrived.
5. The show began / had begun before we reached the venue.
6. He squandered away his wealth shortly after he had inherited it.
7. When I reached there I found that the tiger had disappeared.
8. He lost his temper before I had said a word.
9. My friend has been working in Mumbai since 1990.
10. He has been waiting for you since 8 o'clock.
11. I go to school by bus.
12. I told him to go.