Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb form.

1. The song ………………………. on an old folk tune.

   - based
   - is based
   - has based

2. The farmer ………………………. when he bought a barren cow.

   - cheated
   - has cheated
   - was cheated

3. The balloon ………………………. with a bang.

   - burst
Verbs Exercise

4. Good posture .............................. from holding the backbone straight.

results

is resulting

resulting

5. Abraham Lincoln .......................... from an impoverished background.

comes

has come

came
6. Bacteria …………………………. in the air we breathe and in the food we eat.

is
are
Either could be used here

7. The actress …………………………. for her babyish temper tantrums.

known
knows
was known

8. Everyone …………………………. aware of the dangers of smoking.

should
Verbs Exercise

be
should be

9. He said that he ......................... for Alice.

is waiting
was waiting
will be waiting

10. He said that he ......................... a job.

found
has found
had found
Verbs Exercise

11. She said that she ……………………….... for ages.

- was waiting
- had been waiting
- has been waiting

12. He said that he ………………………….. meat.

- has never eaten
- had never eaten
- never eats

Answers

The song is based on an old folk tune.
The farmer was cheated when he bought a barren cow.
The balloon burst with a bang.
Good posture results from holding the backbone straight.
Abraham Lincoln came from an impoverished background.
Bacteria are in the air we breathe and in the food we eat.
The actress was known for her babyish temper tantrums.
Everyone should be aware of the dangers of smoking.
He said that he was waiting for Alice.
He said that he had found a job.
She said that she had been waiting for ages.
He said that he had never eaten meat.