Present Perfect Or Simple Past Tense Exercise

Fill in the blanks with a simple past or present perfect tense form.

1. She to anybody in her life.

never apologized

has never apologized

Either could be used here

2. I am sure we before.

never met

have never met

Either could be used here

3. I a word with the manager in the morning.

had

have had

Either could be used here

4. I two movies yesterday.

watched

have watched

Either could be used here

5. How long in love with him?

were you

have you been

are you

6. She at thirty-nine.

died

dead

has died

7. The number of unemployed ten million.

reached

has reached

had reached

8. the people who live next door?

Did you ever meet

Have you ever met

Either could be used here

9. The Defense Minister a meeting with the Prime Minister yesterday.

had

has had

had had

10. During the two hour meeting, they the economic situation.

discussed

have discussed

had discussed

11. We that you have homes to let.

heard

have heard

Either could be used here

12. Who the telephone?

invented

has invented

had invented

Answers

- 1. She has never apologized to anybody in her life.
- 2. I am sure we have met before.
- 3. I had a word with the manager in the morning.
- 4. I watched two movies yesterday.
- 5. How long have you been in love with him?
- 6. She died at thirty-nine.
- 7. The number of unemployed has reached ten million.
- 8. Have you ever met the people who live next door?
- 9. The Defense Minister had a meeting with the Prime Minister yesterday.
- 10. During the two hour meeting, they discussed the economic situation.
- 11. We heard / have heard that you have homes to let.
- 12. Who invented the telephone?