

Sequence Of Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks with appropriate verbs. Remember to observe the rules regarding the sequence of tenses.

1. They sold the house because it
old.

is

was

has been

2. I found out that he

is lying

was lying

has lied

3. I never thought that I see him
again.

will

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would

had

4. She replied that she better.

feel

feels

felt

5. Whenever we meet, we of our school days.

talk

talked

would talk

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6. He was so tired that he
barely stand.

can

is able to

could

7. He asked again whether supper
..... ready.

is

was

will be

8. He worked hard that he win
the first prize.

may

can

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might

9. He said that money the root cause of all evil.

is

was

Either could be used here

10. His health has improved since he the city.

leaves

left

had left

11. You may come and stay with us whenever you

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want

wants

wanted

12. He rested his horse for it

limps

was limping

has been limping

Answers

1. They sold the house because it was old.
2. I found out that he was lying.
3. I never thought that I would see him again.
4. She replied that she felt better.
5. Whenever we meet, we talk of our school days.
6. He was so tired that he could barely stand.
7. He asked again whether supper was ready.
8. He worked hard that he might win the first prize.

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9. He said that money is / was the root cause of all evil.
10. His health has improved since he left the city.
11. You may come and stay with us whenever you want.
12. He rested his horse for it was limping.