

## Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb form.

1. By the time they found him, he

.....

died

had died

Either could be used here

2. He ..... many years ago.

died

had died

has died

3. By that time, everybody  
..... asleep.

was

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had been

4. She told me that something  
..... to him.

happened

had happened

has happened

5. I ..... about it until you  
mentioned it.

didn't think

hadn't thought

6. She ..... him at once.

has recognized

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recognized

had recognized

7. I ..... him yesterday.

saw

have seen

had seen

8. He ..... in 1960.

born

was born

had born

9. I ..... enough time to

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finish the job.

didn't get

hadn't got

10. When I arrived at the party, everybody  
..... home.

went

has gone

had gone

11. I wondered who .....  
the cat in.

let

had let

has let

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12. I thought I ..... the money.

sent

have sent

had sent

## Answers

By the time they found him, he had died.

He died many years ago.

By that time, everybody was asleep.

She told me that something had happened to him.

I hadn't thought about it until you mentioned it.

She recognized him at once.

I saw him yesterday.

He was born in 1960.

I didn't get enough time to finish the job.

When I arrived at the party, everybody had already gone home.

I wondered who had let the cat in.

I thought I had sent the money.