

Tenses exercise

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate verb form that indicates the idea given in the brackets.

1. My mother up at 5 am.
(Habitual action in the past)

gets

got

used to get

2. Worldly pleasures temporary.
(General truth)

are

were

have been

3. Portia that mercy is a divine quality. (General truth)

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says

said

has said

4. They for the program. (Action in progress)

have rehearsed

are rehearsing

5. None of us Shakespeare.

saw

seen

have seen

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6. His father last month.
(Completed action)

died

has died

had died

7. I ready. (Action going on at the
moment of speaking)

got

was getting

am getting

8. When I was young, I football
every day. (Habitual action in the past)

was playing

have played

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used to play

9. When we a thief
into our house.

slept, broke

were sleeping, broke

are sleeping, breaks

10. If I hard, I
(Unfulfilled condition)

worked, would pass

had worked, would have passed

have worked, will have passed

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Answers

1. My mother used to get up at 5 am.
2. Worldly pleasures are temporary.
3. Portia says that mercy is a divine quality.
4. They are rehearsing for the program.
5. None of us have seen Shakespeare.
6. His father died last month.
7. I am getting ready.
8. When I was young, I used to play football every day.
9. When we were sleeping, a thief broke into our house.
10. If I had worked hard, I would have passed.