

## Tenses Gap Filling Exercise

Fill in the blanks.

1. As he grew older, his mind .....  
further into the past.

regresses

has regressed

regressed

2. I knew it was futile but I ..... to him  
nonetheless.

talk

talked

have talked

3. If you don't sue now, you ..... your  
property.

will never regain

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would never regain

never regain

4. The government refunded the overpayment I ..... on my taxes.

have made

make

made

5. The distraught man kept ranting until he ..... away.

led

has led

was led

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6. If you ..... it properly the first time, you won't have to do it again.

do

did

have done

7. The old man ..... all his property to his son.

left

leave

was left

8. She had a knack for prophecy and ..... rarely wrong.

is

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was

has been

9. They exchange merchandise rather than ..... cash refunds.

give

giving

to give

10. He has put most of his money in the bank and ..... on a mere pittance.

live

lived

lives

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11. Although she suffered many hardships, she ..... in her efforts to get a college education.

persists

persisted

has persisted

12. Our firm ..... quite a lot of business in the Middle East.

does

do

doing

## Answers

As he grew older, his mind regressed further into the past.

I knew it was futile but I talked to him nonetheless.

If you don't sue now, you will never regain your property.

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The government refunded the overpayment I made on my taxes.

The distraught man kept ranting until he was led away.

If you do it properly the first time, you won't have to do it again.

The old man left all his property to his son.

She had a knack for prophecy and was rarely wrong.

They exchange merchandise rather than give cash refunds.

He has put most of his money in the bank and lives on a mere pittance.

Although she suffered many hardships, she persisted in her efforts to get a college education.

Our firm does quite a lot of business in the Middle East.