

EXERCISES FOR TENSES

Choose the best option to finish each sentence

1. She was thoughtfully looking at him while he _____ a newspaper.
A. read B. was reading C. has read D. has been reading
2. I _____ Ann at her father's house twenty years ago and _____ her ever since.
A. met/ have known B. was meeting/ knew
C. met knew D. have met/ was working
3. Higher education in the US _____ in 1636 when the first colonists _____ Harvard College.
A. has begun/ founded B. began/ have founded
C. began/ founded D. was beginning/ have founded
4. She _____ this exercise yesterday at 8 o'clock.
A. wrote B. has written C. has been writing D. was writing
5. They _____ the church for many years before we came in this village.
A. built B. have built C. had built D. were building
6. – “Did you see John at the party?” - “No, I didn't. When I came there, he _____ the party.”
A. was leaving B. had left C. has left D. was about to leave
7. Barbara _____ on a diet since August. She is now slim and very good-looking.
A. is B. had been C. has been D. was
8. Our grandma said that other members of the family _____ to bed three hours before.
A. went B. have gone C. had gone D. would go
9. Tom was not at home when I arrived. He _____ out with his classmates.
A. has just gone B. was just gone C. just went D. had just gone
10. After Melanie _____ her hair blue, her English teacher became very angry with her.
A. had dyed B. dyed C. has dyed D. was dyeing

