



Clarifying tricky tenses

What are the tenses of the following sentences? What's the difference between them?

- 1). I've lived in Indonesia before.
 - a. Unfinished past action
 - b. Past experience with no specific time
 - c. Present result of a recent past action
- 2). I've lived in Australia for 16 years.
 - a. Unfinished past action
 - b. Past experience with no specific time
 - c. Present result of a recent past action
- 3). I've spoken to the DoS about the matter. It's fine now! Don't worry.
 - a. Unfinished past action
 - b. Past experience with no specific time
 - c. Present result of a recent past action
- 4). She's been to Yuli's class.
 - a. She went to Yuli's class before and now she's back
 - b. She went to Yuli's class before and she's still in there now
- 5). She's gone to Yuli's class.
 - a. She went to Yuli's class before and now she's back
 - b. She went to Yuli's class before and she's still in there now
- 6). I've lived in Australia for 17 years.
 - a. Unfinished past action that is likely to be temporary
 - b. Unfinished past action that is likely to be permanent
- 7). I've been living in Australia for 17 years.
 - a. Unfinished past action that is likely to be temporary
 - b. Unfinished past action that is likely to be permanent
- 8). I've been living in Australia for 17 years.
 - a. Present result of a recently completed continuous action
 - b. Unfinished past action that is likely to be temporary
- 9). It has been raining. The grass is wet.
 - a. Present result of a recently completed continuous action
 - b. Unfinished past action that is likely to be temporary
- 10). He had only been teaching for a week when they promoted him.
 - a. A longer past continuous action interrupted by a shorter past action but the duration is not important
 - b. A longer past continuous action interrupted by a shorter past action, focusing on the duration of the continuous action
- 11). He was teaching when Lucas knocked on the door.
 - a. A longer past continuous action interrupted by a shorter past action but the duration is not important
 - b. A longer past continuous action interrupted by a shorter past action, focusing on the duration of the continuous action
- 12). He will have graduated by the end of December 2020.
 - a. A **single** future action that will be completed *before* a particular time or another future action
 - b. A **continuous** future action that will be completed *before* a particular time or another future action
- 13). He will have been teaching for 6 months by December 2020.
 - a. A **single** future action that will be completed *before* a particular time or another future action
 - b. A **continuous** future action that will be completed *before* a particular time or another future action