

Fill in the blanks.

1. I him for a long time.

have known

knew

had known

In sentences with since and for, we normally use the present or past perfect tense in the main clause.

2. I was sorry when Janet moved to another city. We good friends since our childhood.

have been

had been

were

In sentences with since and for, we normally use the present or past perfect tense in the main clause.

3. I about six letters since morning.

have written

had written

wrote

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4. It is important that she me before she leaves.

should meet

meet

Either could be used here

In British English the structure with should is more common, whereas in American English subjunctives without should are more common.

5. You more polite to him.

- should have been
- ought to have been
- must have been

Should have been and ought to have been can be used to talk about unfulfilled past obligations.

6. He insisted that he heard.

- be
- should be
- Either could be used here

In British English the structure with should is more common, whereas in American English subjunctives without should are more common.

7. You him an idiot – it really upset him.

- should not call
- should not have called
- would not have called

8. I am sure I him before.

- have met
- met
- had met

We use the present perfect for past events where we are thinking of a period of time continuing up to the present.

9. I got caught in the rain and my coat

- is ruined
- has been ruined
- Either could be used here

The present passive often has the same meaning as the present perfect passive.

10. The phone rang while I in the kitchen.

am

was

have been

When the verb in the main clause is in the past tense, the verb in the subordinate clause will also be in the past tense.

11. Negatives oxygen atoms positive hydrogen atoms.

are attracted

attract

attracting

12. You me any help.

never gave

have never given

The present perfect is commonly used with ever and never.

PLAY AGAIN !

Answers

I have known him for a long time.

I was sorry when Janet moved to another city. We had been good friends since our childhood.

I have written about six letters since morning.

It is important that she meet / should meet me before she leaves.

You should have been / ought to have been more polite to him.

He insisted that he should be heard.

You should not have called him an idiot - it really upset him.

I am sure I have met him before.

I got caught in the rain and my coat is ruined / has been ruined.

The phone rang while I was in the kitchen.

Negatives oxygen atoms attract positive hydrogen atoms.

You have never given me any help.