

ESL Worksheet: Tenses

Choose the correct answer.

Q1 - At nine o'clock, an usher opened the main door, and all manners ____ forgotten in the rush to get inside.

- were
- had been
- Either could be used.

Q2 - If hundreds of people have to go through a small door, the funnel effect ____ inevitable.

- is
- will be
- Either could be used here.

Q3 - I turned up at the modern art gallery before nine to avoid the queue, but there ____ already, in fact, a small crowd there.

- was
- had been
- Either could be used here.

Q4 - He was amazed to feel such a strong desire to go in; normally, he ____ have been less inclined enter such a place.

- will
- would
- Either could be used here.

Q5 - He presents us with purely factual account, never ____ us the occasion to question any of its content.

- give
- gives
- giving
- gave

Q6 - He ____ most of his lifetime in writing his history.

- spent
- had spent

Q7 - He feared his enemies and all those who ____ him.

- could threaten
- could have threatened
- Either could be used.

Q8 - He couldn't imagine what the room ____ look like now.

- will
- would
- Either could be used.

Q9 - He could not afford to be out of the public eye; it ____ the death of his political career.

- would mean
- would have meant
- Either could be used

Q10 - Many similar examples ____ be seen in the text, but I would like to focus on this one.

- can
- could
- Either could be used