Present Perfect or Past Simple

Choose the present perfect or past simple:

1. I _____________ (see) three police cars this morning (it’s still morning).
2. After he _____________ (arrive) home, he _______________ (unpack) and _______________ (go) to bed early.
3. A: What’s wrong?
   B: I _______________ (break) a glass!
4. My grandparents only _______________ (know) each other for a few months before they _______________ (get) married.
5. I _______________ (be) in London for three years. I love it here.
6. We _______________ (see) Julie last night.
7. He _______________ (be) a teacher before he _______________ (become) a musician.
8. When the boss _______________ (walk) into the room, we _______________ (know) someone was going to get fired.
9. The children _______________ (break) a window in the school last week.
10. He _______________ (see) that film last year.
11. Lucy _________________ (break) her leg, so she can’t come skiing.
12. Julie _________________ (arrive)! Come and say hello!
13. They _________________ (be) cold when they _________________ (arrive)
   home.
14. Jack _________________ (break) his arm when he _________________ (fall)
   off a horse in 2005.
15. I _________________ (know) about the problem for months, but I
   _________________ (not / find) a solution yet.
16. A: When _________________ (you / arrive)?
   B: At 10pm last night.
17. She _________________ (be) a teacher for ten years, and she still enjoys it.
18. How long _________________ (you / know) Jill? I know you see her often.
19. I _________________ (see) the sea before.
20. A: Hello
   B: Hi Mum, it’s me. I just wanted to say I _________________ (arrive) safely
   and everything is fine.
Answers:

1. I’ve seen three police cars this morning.
2. After he arrived home, he unpacked and went to bed early.
3. A: What’s wrong?
   B: I’ve broken a glass!
4. My grandparents only knew each other for a few months before they got married.
5. I’ve been in London for three years. I love it here.
6. We saw Julie last night.
7. He was a teacher before he became a musician.
8. When the boss walked into the room, we knew someone was going to get fired.
9. The children broke a window in the school last week.
10. He saw that film last year.
11. Lucy has broken her leg, so she can’t come skiing.
12. Julie’s arrived! Come and say hello!
13. They were cold when they arrived home.
15. I’ve known about the problem for months, but I haven’t found a solution yet.
16. A: When did you arrive?
   B: At 10pm last night.
17. She’s been a teacher for ten years, and she still enjoys it.
18. How long have you known Jill? I know you see her often.
19. I have never seen the sea before.
20. A: Hello
   B: Hi Mum, it’s me. I just wanted to say I’ve arrived safely and everything is fine.