Verb Tense Analysis… With Pirates!

Directions: Determine the verb tenses of the following sentences, and then explain how you know.

1. The Pirate Captain was eating a pineapple.  
   Tense? _________________
   How do you know? ____________________________________________

2. He had never eaten a pineapple as juicy as this one.  
   Tense? _________________
   How do you know? ____________________________________________

3. The Ugly Pirate was brushing his hair in front of the mirror.  
   Tense? _________________
   How do you know? ____________________________________________

4. The pirate ship is going to crash into that iceberg!  
   Tense? _________________
   How do you know? ____________________________________________

5. The Girl Pirate steered out of the way just in time.  
   Tense? _________________
   How do you know? ____________________________________________

6. The Pirate Captain has sailed the seven seas.  
   Tense? _________________
   How do you know? ____________________________________________

7. He loves pineapples.  
   Tense? _________________
   How do you know? ____________________________________________

8. The pirates will be landing in Chicago.  
   Tense? _________________
   How do you know? ____________________________________________

9. The Pirate Captain combed his luxurious beard.  
   Tense? _________________
   How do you know? ____________________________________________

10. The Pirates sharpened their pirate swords.  
    Tense? _________________
    How do you know? ____________________________________________