ESL Kids World: Rio Reborn Past Simple Gap-Fill

Fill in the blank spaces. Circle the past tense verbs.

was, moved, common, had, crime, built, received, felt, developed, could

1. For years, what did Rio have? Rio had many favelas and high _____.

2. In the past, many favelas _____ very little assistance.

3. Gangs were also _____, and so were guns.

4. New houses and apartments are being _____.

5. More Brazilians _____ into the favelas because it was cheaper.

6. Some favela residents _____ separate from the rest of Rio.

7. A while ago, some residents _____ to build their own streets.

8. For many years, property _____ cheap, but now it is expensive.

9. The favelas were built and _____ a long time ago.

10. Rio _____ be a model city, despite its many problems in the past.

Write four sentences using the keywords above.
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____