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Exercise 15

Past Tense

Choose the correct form of the verb in past progressive tense.

Note: This tense describes actions that were in progress in the past. It uses the helping verb "was" with the pronouns I / He / She / It, and "were" with the pronouns You / We / They. Then, -ing is added to the base form of the verb.

Example: I / He / She / It / (wash) was washing the car yesterday.

Example: You / We / They (wear) were wearing their old clothes at the cabin.

- 1) I [was walking / were walking] through the mall Tuesday.
- 2) He [was playing / were playing] baseball until four o'clock.
- 3) You [was watching / were watching] the sunset last night.
- 4) They [was staying / were staying] at the same hotel that year.
- 5) She [was smelling / were smelling] the coffee when she woke up.
- 6) We [was planting / were planting] the garden on May 15th.
- 7) It [was barking / were barking] loudly at the cat.



Exercise 16

Past Tense

Choose the correct form of the verb in past progressive tense.

Note: With some verbs, the last letter of the verb must be doubled in past progressive tense before adding -ing. The rule for doubling is: when a one-syllable verb ends with consonant-vowel-consonant, the final consonant is doubled. If the verb is longer than one syllable, the final consonant is doubled only if the stress falls on the last syllable. Exceptions: never double the letters h,w,x,y.

Example: I / He / She / It / (get) was getting a new bicycle before the race.

Example: You / We / They (plan) were planning to travel last fall.

Example: I / He / She / It / (sew) was sewing robes for the choir.

- 1) I [was swiming / was swimming] a lot during the summer.
- 2) We [were siting / were sitting] on the rocks by the river.
- 3) They [were runing / were running] faster than anyone else in that race.
- 4) He [was stoping / was stopping] often to tie his shoe.
- 5) It [was fiting / was fitting] until she gained weight.
- 6) She [was waxing / was waxxing] her skis before the trip.
- 7) You [were shoping / were shopping] all day yesterday.