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Exercise 17

Past Tense

Choose the correct form of the verb in parentheses in past progressive tense. With verbs that end with a silent 'e', the final 'e' is dropped before adding -ing.

Example: I / He / She / It / (hope) was hoping to see the concert.

Example: You / We / They (waste) were wasting too much gas.

- 1) I [was biking / were biking] to school last semester.
- 2) He [was making / were making] a model airplane.
- 3) We [was caring / were caring] for the sick children in March.
- 4) You [was taking / were taking] too much time.
- 5) It [was becoming / were becoming] colder that evening.
- 6) She [was looking / were looking] at the sign.
- 7) They [was shining / were shining] the car for the parade.



Exercise 18

Past Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in past progressive tense

Example: The rain (fall) was falling hard when we got home.

Example: We (jog) were jogging after work yesterday.

Example: Jenny (write) was writing a letter this morning.

- 1) Dr. Andrews (call) _____ his patient earlier today.
- 2) My brother and I (buy) _____ donuts for breakfast at nine o'clock this morning.
- 3) Becky (skate) _____ when she fell and broke her ankle.
- 4) They (bake) _____ twelve cherry pies yesterday.
- 5) Ms. Rodriguez (teach) _____ three classes last year while Mr. Leonard was teaching two.
- 6) The child (play) _____ a game with his friend when his mother called him.
- 7) The Senate (meet) _____ in a closed session on Tuesday.
- 8) The statues (sit) _____ on the lawn for decades.
- 9) The comedians (joke) _____ with the audience earlier.
- 10) She (think) _____ of traveling to Spain, but her mother became ill, so she stayed home to care for her.