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Exercise 24

Past Tense

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

Example: Jing (talk) was talking (past progressive tense) to her little sister when her cell phone (lose) lost (simple past tense) its signal.

Example: Ashley and Manny (stroll) were strolling (past progressive tense) through the zoo when, suddenly, they (see) saw (simple past tense) a lion attack its trainer.

- 1) We (walk) _____ by the bakery when the smell of fresh cinnamon rolls (reach) _____ our noses.
- 2) Dr. Lee (treat) _____ her patient when she (get) _____ a signal from her pager.
- 3) Annie and Lilly (climb) _____ trees when Annie (fall) _____ and (break) _____ her arm.
- 4) While Christopher (dig) _____ a hole in the sand, a crab (crawl) _____ out.
- 5) They (sit) _____ on the park bench when the fountain suddenly (light) _____ up.
- 6) David (ride) _____ his motorcycle on the dirt road when it (hit) _____ a dangerous bump.
- 7) Mr. Walker (earn) _____ more than anyone else in his division when he (retire) _____ last year.
- 8) The lost dog (wear) _____ his collar when the children (find) _____ him.
- 9) Marcella (hope) _____ to buy a yacht; instead she (buy) _____ a small fishing boat.
- 10) Nick (water) _____ the plants in the garden when a groundhog (appear) _____.

