

Practice 8: Read this short narrative paragraph and fill in the blanks with **simple past** or **past continuous** verbs.

Part-time Job



I'll never forget the day I thought I was going to lose my job. When I ¹ _____ (be) a teenager, I ² _____ (have) a part-time job at a car wash. Before the cars ³ _____ (go) through the automatic car wash, I ⁴ _____ (rinse) them with a hose. One day, while I ⁵ _____ (rinse) a car with the hose, I ⁶ _____ (notice) the back window was open. The back seat was all wet. The driver ⁷ _____ (listen) to the radio when I ⁸ _____ (turn off) the hose. While I ⁹ _____ (think) about how to tell her about the open window, she ¹⁰ _____ (open) her window and angrily ¹¹ _____ (tell) me to hurry up! The man in the car behind her was becoming impatient. When he ¹² _____ (honk) his horn, she ¹³ _____ (turn on) her engine. While she ¹⁴ _____ (look out) her window and ¹⁵ _____ (shout) at the man behind her, I ¹⁶ _____ (forget) to tell her about the open window in the back seat. Before I ¹⁷ _____ (have) the chance to say anything, she ¹⁸ _____ (drive) into the car wash. While she ¹⁹ _____ (go through) the car wash, I ²⁰ _____ (think) about how to tell my boss. When she ²¹ _____ (come out) of the car wash, to my surprise, she ²² _____ (drive) away. I kept my job and worked at the car wash for two more years!



Figure 3: Hose