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

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