6. Last Saturday while Sandy (*clean*) _____ out the attic, she found her grandmother's wedding dress.
7. It started to rain while I (*drive*) _____ to work this morning. I didn't hav an umbrella with me. I (*get*) _____ very wet when I stepped out of my car.
8. When we looked outside during the storm, we saw that the wind (*blow*) _____ very hard, and the trees (*bend*) _____ over in the wind.
9. When the teacher came into the room, most of the children (*play*) _____ together nicely. But over in the corner, Bobby (*pull*) _____ Annie's ha The teacher quickly ran over and pulled Bobby away from Annie.

▶ Practice 17. The simple past and the past progressive. (Charts 2-7 and 2-8)

Write "1" before the action that started first. Write "2" before the action that started second.

1. When the alarm clock rang, I was sleeping.
   _2_ The alarm clock rang.
   _1_ I was sleeping.
2. When I saw Dr. Jarvis yesterday evening, he was waving at me.
   ___ I saw Dr. Jarvis yesterday evening.
   ___ He was waving at me.
3. When I saw Dr. Jarvis yesterday evening, he waved at me.
   ___ I saw Dr. Jarvis yesterday evening.
   ___ He waved at me.
4. I closed the windows when it was raining.
   ___ I closed the windows.
   ___ It was raining.
5. I was closing the windows when it began to rain.
   ___ I was closing the windows.
   ___ It began to rain.
6. The server brought the check when we were eating our desserts.
   ___ The server brought the check.
   ___ We were eating our desserts.
7. When the doorbell rang, Sam went to the door. "Who is it?" he asked.
   ___ The doorbell rang.
   ___ Sam went to the door.
8. Sam was going to the door when the doorbell rang. "I'm coming, Bob," he said. "I saw yc walking up the sidewalk."
   ___ The doorbell rang.
   ___ Sam was already going to the door.

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▶ Practice 18. The simple past and the past progressive. (Charts 2-7 and 2-8)

Circle the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. We (*had / were having*) a wonderful dinner last night to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary.
2. We (*had / were having*) a wonderful time when suddenly the electric power went out.
3. When Richard (*stopped / was stopping*) his car suddenly, the groceries (*fell / were falling*) out of the grocery bags and (*spilled / were spilling*) all over the floor of the car.
4. When I was a child, my mother always (*served / was serving*) cookies and milk to my friends and me when they (*came / were coming*) home with me after school.
5. When we (*looked / were looking*) in on our baby last night, he (*slept / was sleeping*). I think he (*dreamt / was dreaming*) about something nice because he (*smiled / was smiling*).
6. A: Why is Henry in the hospital?

   B: He (*worked / was working*) on his car in the garage when the gas tank (*exploded / was exploding*).

   A: Oh! What (*caused / was causing*) the explosion?

   B: Henry (*dropped / was dropping*) a match too near the gas tank.

▶ Practice 19. Simple present, present progressive, simple past, past progressive. (Charts 2-1 → 2-4; 2-5, 2-7, and 2-8)

Underline the verbs. Decide which of the following phrases best describes the action of each sentence. Write the appropriate number.

1. actions occurring now or today
2. habitual / everyday actions
3. actions completed in the past (non-progressive)
4. one action in progress when another occurred

1. _2_ I take the bus to school when it rains.
2. _4_ I was riding the bus when I heard the news on my radio.
3. ___ I am riding the bus because my friend is repairing my bike.
4. ___ I rode the bus home yesterday because you forgot to pick me up.
5. ___ Dennis was having coffee this morning when a bird crashed into his kitchen window.
6. ___ Dennis had a big breakfast, but his wife didn't eat anything.
7. ___ Dennis is having a big breakfast this morning.
8. ___ Dennis generally has coffee with breakfast.
9. ___ My mother and I celebrate our birthdays together because they are just a few days apart.
10. ___ We were working when you called on our birthdays last week.
11. ___ One year we celebrated our birthdays apart because my mom was away on business.

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