

PRACTICE 21.2G Identifying the Progressive Tenses of Verbs

Read the sentences. Then, write whether the underlined verb tense in each sentence is present progressive, past progressive, future progressive, present perfect progressive, past perfect progressive, or future perfect progressive.

EXAMPLE She has been working all day.

ANSWER present perfect progressive

1. Leticia was studying for the midterm.
2. The morning show will be discussing new movies after the commercial break.
3. I have been shopping there for years.
4. The mechanic is repairing our car.
5. The storyteller had been recounting an interesting tale.
6. Bruce has been telling me all about his adventure.
7. It had been explaining answer to us.
8. They were explaining the answer to us.
9. By Friday, we will have been living in the new house for Six weeks.
10. Are you babysitting tonight?

PRACTICE 21.2H Using Progressive Tenses of Verbs

Read the sentences. Then, rewrite each one as a complete sentence using the tense of the verb in parentheses.

EXAMPLE Jay _____ home. (go, past progressive)

ANSWER Jay was going home.

11. The birds _____ south, (fly, present progressive)
12. The columnist _____ for the magazine for two decades.
(write, present perfect progressive)
13. They _____ company for dinner. (expect, past progressive)
14. Up until then, the mail carrier _____ his route. (walk, past perfect progressive)
15. I _____ at least one box. (carry, future progressive)