

## Past Progressive

The **past progressive** tense is used to talk about a past action that happened at the same time as another action, or was in progress at a particular time in the past. To form the past progressive tense, add the past tense of the verb *be* before the verb. Add *-ing* to the end of the base form of the verb.

### **past progressive**

Dawn was babysitting for her little sister when I stopped by her house.

### Thinking Question

*Does the sentence describe an action that happened at the same time as another action, or was in progress at a particular time in the past?*

**Activity** Rewrite each sentence using the past progressive tense of the underlined verb.

1. Dawn did her homework.

2. Her little sister watched movies.

3. We talked until I had to leave.

4. I went to karate class.

5. As I said goodbye, Dawn's sister came into the kitchen.

## Present Progressive

The **present progressive** tense is used to talk about an action that is in progress or happening right now. To form the present progressive tense, add the present tense of the verb *be* before the verb. Add *-ing* to the end of the verb.

### present progressive

Jake is looking for a new jacket.

### Thinking Question

Does the sentence describe an action that is in progress or happening right now?

**Activity** Rewrite each sentence using the present progressive tense of the underlined verb.

1. I shop for spring clothes.

2. We go to several stores at the shopping center.

3. Mom drives us there.

4. A lot of places have sales.

5. Shoppers crowd the parking lots and checkout lines.

6. I hope to find something that fits.

7. I think about getting a new coat.