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.

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2. Her little sister watched movies.

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3. We talked until I had to leave.

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4. I went to karate class.

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

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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.

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

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3. Mom drives us there.

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4. A lot of places have sales.

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5. Shoppers crowd the parking lots and checkout lines.

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6. I hope to find something that fits.

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7. I think about getting a new coat.

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