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Exercise 12

Using the Verb "To be"

Write the correct form of "to be" in present tense or past tense.

"I _____⁽¹⁾ going outside," said Jerry.

"Wait!" said Jerry's mom.
Don't forget to wear your jacket.
It _____⁽²⁾ cold out there.

"But mom," said Jerry. "I don't want to wear it.
I will be fine without it.
Besides, it _____⁽³⁾ that cold today."



Jerry opened the door. The wind _____⁽⁴⁾ blowing and the trees _____⁽⁵⁾ shaking. Leaves _____⁽⁶⁾ falling to the ground. He shivered a little and stood behind the door.

"Jerry!" shouted Jerry's mom. "You close that door and get your coat young man."

"But mom!" said Jerry.

"But what?" said Jerry's mom. "I don't understand why you don't want to wear your new coat. _____⁽⁷⁾ there something wrong with it?"

Jerry's face turned red. "No!" he said. "Nothing's wrong with it!" Then he covered his mouth with his hand.

"Well then..." said Jerry's mom. "Why don't you want to wear it?"

"Well, mom," said Jerry. "I kind of...well...gave it away."

"You what?" said Jerry's mom. "You gave it away?"

"Yeah. But don't worry. It _____⁽⁸⁾ okay. I gave it to Marvin. And he really needs it."

"Why?"

"Well, every time I see him, he looks cold. He _____⁽⁹⁾ always cold, actually. His parents cannot afford to buy him a jacket."

"Well, that _____⁽¹⁰⁾ a very nice thing for you to do, dear. But now what _____⁽¹¹⁾ you going to do without a jacket?"

"I don't know. Maybe I'll wear my old jacket for a little while."