Exercise 17

Past Tense

Choose the correct form of the verb in parentheses in past progressive tense. With verbs that end with a silent ‘e’, the final ‘e’ is dropped before adding –ing.

Example: I / He / She / It / (hope) was hoping to see the concert.
Example: You / We / They (waste) were wasting too much gas.

1) I [was biking / were biking] to school last semester.
2) He [was making / were making] a model airplane.
3) We [was caring / were caring] for the sick children in March.
4) You [was taking / were taking] too much time.
5) I [was becoming / were becoming] colder that evening.
6) She [was looking / were looking] at the sign.
7) They [was shining / were shining] the car for the parade.

Exercise 18

Past Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in past progressive tense.

Example: The rain (fall) was falling hard when we got home.
Example: We (jog) were jogging after work yesterday.
Example: Jenny (write) was writing a letter this morning.

1) Dr. Andrews (call) _______ _______ his patient earlier today.
2) My brother and I (buy) _______ _______ donuts for breakfast at nine o’clock this morning.
3) Becky (skate) _______ _______ when she fell and broke her ankle.
4) They (bake) _______ _______ twelve cherry pies yesterday.
5) Ms. Rodriguez (teach) _______ _______ three classes last year while Mr. Leonard was teaching two.
6) The child (play) _______ _______ a game with his friend when his mother called him.
7) The Senate (meet) _______ _______ in a closed session on Tuesday.
8) The statues (sit) _______ _______ on the lawn for decades.
9) The comedians (joke) _______ _______ with the audience earlier.
10) She (think) _______ _______ of traveling to Spain, but her mother became ill, so she stayed home to care for her.