Exercise 21
Past Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in past progressive tense, then indicate affirmative (+) or negative (-).

Note: The previous exercises used the past progressive tense in the affirmative. Some of the sentences in this exercise use it in the negative.

Example: I (shop) was shopping for the perfect gift. (+) (-)
Example: Joe and Jeremy were not riding motorcycles to work until yesterday. (+) (-)

1) Josh (learn) _______ _______ to drive the van. (+) (-)

2) Our neighbor (not, mow) _______ _______ _______ his grass very often. It looked terrible. (+) (-)

3) The witness (not, hide) _______ _______ _______ any evidence. (+) (-)

4) Holly and Gina (take) _______ _______ care of the puppy while we were away. (+) (-)

5) The zookeeper (feed) _______ _______ the ocelots earlier today. (+) (-)

6) The cafeteria (not, serve) _______ _______ _______ ice cream yesterday. (+) (-)

7) The soloist (sing) _______ _______ an aria a minute ago. (+) (-)

8) The girls (not, listen) _______ _______ _______ to the teacher’s directions. (+) (-)

9) Warren (not, surf) _______ _______ _______ Saturday; the ocean was calm. (+) (-)

10) Lori and I (run) _______ _______ at the track every day last week. (+) (-)