Exercise 23
Review of the Past Progressive Tense

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

Tim is a firefighter. One Sunday, he (spend) _______ _______ (1) some time at home with his family. He (play) _______ _______ (2) a game with two of his daughters.

Tim noticed that his cell phone (ring) _______ _______ (3), and that the fire alarm downtown (blare) _______ _______ (4), too. He (not, feel) _______ _______ _______ (5) anxious to go put out a fire, but he went anyway.

While Tim (race) _______ _______ (6) to the fire in his red pick-up truck, he heard on his police radio that a trailer (burn) _______ _______ (7), and that a small boy (sleep) _______ _______ (8) in one of its bedrooms. His mother could not get him out.

At the scene, policemen and firefighters (run) _______ _______ (9) and yelling.

Most of the trailer (already, burn) _______ _______ _______ (10) by that time. Tim said he would go in through a bedroom window to get the boy. He (not, think) _______ _______ _______ _______ (11) about his own safety at all. He wore a mask to protect against the smoke.

When Tim reached the boy, it appeared that the boy (still, breathe) _______ _______ _______ _______ (12). Tim put his own mask on the boy and handed him out the window to the other firefighters. By the time Tim got out of the window, he (not, breathe) _______ _______ _______ _______ (13) well on his own, and had to go to the hospital.

Tim got an award for bravery from the City Council at its next meeting. The members knew he (put) _______ _______ _______ (14) his life at risk when he went into that trailer.