Exercise 24

Past Tense

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

Example: Jing (talk) was talking (past progressive tense) to her little sister when her cell phone (lose) lost (simple past tense) its signal.

Example: Ashley and Manny (stroll) were strolling (past progressive tense) through the zoo when, suddenly, they (see) saw (simple past tense) a lion attack its trainer.

1) We (walk) _______ _______ by the bakery when the smell of fresh cinnamon rolls (reach) ____________ our noses.

2) Dr. Lee (treat) _______ ________ her patient when she (get) _________ a signal from her pager.

3) Annie and Lilly (climb) _______ _______ trees when Annie (fall) _____________ and (break) _________ her arm.

4) While Christopher (dig) _______ _______ a hole in the sand, a crab (crawl) ____________ out.

5) They (sit) _______ _______ on the park bench when the fountain suddenly (light) ____________ up.

6) David (ride) _______ _______ his motorcycle on the dirt road when it (hit) _______ a dangerous bump.

7) Mr. Walker (earn) _______ _______ more than anyone else in his division when he (retire)__________ last year.

8) The lost dog (wear) _______ _______ his collar when the children (find) _____________ him.

9) Marcella (hope) _______ _______ to buy a yacht; instead she (buy) _________ a small fishing boat.

10) Nick (water) _______ _______ the plants in the garden when a groundhog (appear) _____________.

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