Exercise 26
Past Tense

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

Note: The word ‘not’ is used with some of the verbs to make a negative expression.

Example: The teenagers (joke) were joking (past progressive tense) around in the hallway when the principle (tell) told (simple past tense) them to go to class.
Example: The sisters (plan) were planning (past progressive tense) a family reunion for spring, but their brother (do, not, want) did not want simple past tense) to attend.

1) Claudia (learn) ______ _______ to be a chef when she (win) _________ a national recipe contest.
2) Aaron (enjoy) ______ _______ the old car show so much, he (do, not, remember) ______ ______ _______ that he had an appointment.
3) The band members (play) ______ _______ a concert when Adrienne’s clarinet (squeak) ___________. She (feel) __________ embarrassed.
4) The Apollo 13 astronauts (prepare) ______ _______ to land on the moon when they (discover) ___________ a problem with the spaceship. Unfortunately, they (do, not, land) ______ ______ _______.
5) Caroline (try) ______ _______ to find a job in Portland when she (hear) ______ _______ about a great opportunity in Orlando.
6) You (sail) ______ _______ near Barbados when your ship (strike) _________ a sand bar; you (do, not, like) ______ ______ _______ waiting for help to come.
7) Cody and Matthew (sit) ______ _______ on a rocky ledge when a snake (crawl)__________ out of its hole nearby. They (do, not, see) ______ ______ _______ it until it (get) ________ very close to them.
8) Sue (take) ______ _______ her medicine just as the doctor (order) ______ when he (decide) ____________ to add another drug to her plan.
9) The Johnsons (tour) ______ _______ the Mediterranean when they (call) ______________ us last November. They (do, not, want) ______ ______ _______ to come home.
10) I (look) ______ _______ for information about my ancestors when I (find) _______ that some of them (be) ______ aboard the Mayflower.