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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.

