



Exercise 23

Review of the Past Progressive Tense

Name _____
Date _____

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.