

GRAMMAR DRILL

PAST PROGRESSIVE (AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE)

NAME: _____

1 Circle A (Affirmative) or N (Negative).

- 1 I was doing homework at 5 o'clock. (A) N
- 2 My parents weren't watching TV at that time. A (N)
- 3 Lily was waiting for someone at the station. (A) N
- 4 We were having breakfast in the kitchen. (A) N
- 5 Jenny was cutting paper for her art project. (A) N
- 6 He wasn't doing his homework. A (N)
- 7 Fer was washing his clothes. (A) N

2 Circle the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 We _____ exercising.
a is b were c was
- 2 Mike _____ painting the wall.
a weren't b wasn't c aren't
- 3 Isaac was _____ some trees.
a planting b to plant c planted
- 4 Mike _____ playing with me.
a are b am c was
- 5 Flor _____ taking a nap.
a aren't b wasn't c weren't
- 6 Mary _____ taking an exam.
a was b are c am
- 7 Leonard _____ opening the windows.
a were b are c was

3 Complete the sentences with the correct past progressive form of the verbs from the box.

swim	write	eat	try
cook	sleep	drink	

- 1 I turned off the lights because Darío _____ was sleeping _____.
- 2 Becky _____ wasn't eating _____ a sandwich in the morning, it was a *tamal*.
- 3 Angie _____ was cooking _____ mole for my birthday.
- 4 Jonathan _____ wasn't drinking _____ coffee. It was tea.
- 5 Evelyn _____ was trying _____ to call me but my phone didn't work.
- 6 They _____ were writing _____ a letter to the school principal.
- 7 Octavio _____ wasn't swimming _____ in the pool. He was splashed by a car.

4 Complete the sentences with *was* / *were* or *wasn't* / *weren't*.

- 1 Andrea and Luis _____ weren't _____ listening to the teacher because they were chatting.
- 2 Uncle Fabián _____ wasn't _____ cleaning the house, he was sleeping.
- 3 Betty and Doris _____ were _____ knocking at the door but I was taking a shower.
- 4 Gael and Frank _____ were _____ picking the flowers to sell them.
- 5 My grandma _____ was _____ calling me but my cell phone battery was dead.
- 6 Jenny _____ was _____ listening to a very popular song. She really liked it.
- 7 Luis _____ wasn't _____ playing with that ball, he was studying physics.

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5 Change the sentences to past progressive.

1 I am studying for my English test.

I was studying for my English test.

2 George isn't doing his homework.

George wasn't doing his homework.

3 They aren't playing soccer.

They weren't playing soccer.

4 Flavio is listening to music.

Flavio was listening to music.

5 She isn't going to the movies.

She wasn't going to the movies.

6 The girl is playing the piano.

The girl was playing the piano.

7 I am watching TV.

I was watching TV.

6 Complete the paragraph with past progressive

On a sunny day in March, my best friend Minerva and I 1) were coming (come) out of our school.

We 2) were walking (walk) slowly and we found a \$50 bill on the floor. We decided to spend it but while we 3) were going (go) to the shop, we saw a little boy who 4) was crying (cry).

Later we understood that he was crying because he had lost his money. We continued walking but we 5) were feeling (feel) worse with every step.

We came back and gave the money to the boy.

He 6) was smiling (smile) and thanked us, but

he said he had only lost \$20. We were confused but we gave him the money anyway!

7 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 a movie / watching / José / was / .

José was watching a movie.

2 weren't / They / coffee / drinking / .

They weren't drinking coffee.

3 Her / was / tea / husband / preparing / .

Her husband was preparing tea.

4 Marta / sleeping / wasn't / couch / on the / .

Marta wasn't sleeping on the couch.

5 going / My aunt / the store / was / to / .

My aunt was going to the store.

6 waiting / I / for / wasn't / you / .

I wasn't waiting for you.

7 living / They / were / Spain / in / .

They were living in Spain.

8 Write four affirmative sentences and four negative sentences about what you were or weren't doing yesterday morning.

1 Students' own answers.

2 Students' own answers.

3 Students' own answers.

4 Students' own answers.

5 Students' own answers.

6 Students' own answers.

7 Students' own answers.

8 Students' own answers.