

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 _____.
- 2 Becky _____ a sandwich in the morning, it was a *tamal*.
- 3 Angie _____ *mole* for my birthday.
- 4 Jonathan _____ coffee. It was tea.
- 5 Evelyn _____ to call me but my phone didn't work.
- 6 They _____ a letter to the school principal.
- 7 Octavio _____ 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 _____ listening to the teacher because they were chatting.
- 2 Uncle Fabián _____ cleaning the house, he was sleeping.
- 3 Betty and Doris _____ knocking at the door but I was taking a shower.
- 4 Gael and Frank _____ picking the flowers to sell them.
- 5 My grandma _____ calling me but my cell phone battery was dead.
- 6 Jenny _____ listening to a very popular song. She really liked it.
- 7 Luis _____ 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.

- 2 George isn't doing his homework.

- 3 They aren't playing soccer.

- 4 Flavio is listening to music.

- 5 She isn't going to the movies.

- 6 The girl is playing the piano.

- 7 I am watching TV.

6 Complete the paragraph with past progressive

On a sunny day in March, my best friend Minerva and I 1) _____ (come) out of our school. We 2) _____ (walk) slowly and we found a \$50 bill on the floor. We decided to spend it but while we 3) _____ (go) to the shop, we saw a little boy who 4) _____ (cry). Later we understood that he was crying because he had lost his money. We continued walking but we 5) _____ (feel) worse with every step. We came back and gave the money to the boy. He 6) _____ (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 / .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____