Progressive Verb Tense

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: The **progressive tense** shows an action that is ongoing. It uses a form of **be** plus a verb ending in **-ing**: **present** *I am running* · **past** *I was running* · **future** *I will be running*.

am/is/are + -ing = now · **was/were + -ing** = in the past · **will be + -ing** = in the future

1. Past, present or future?

When is the action happening?



1	I am riding my bike.	past	present	future
2	We were swimming when it started to rain.	past	present	future
3	They will be visiting us next week.	past	present	future
4	The baby is sleeping.	past	present	future
5	Dad was cooking when the phone rang.	past	present	future
6	I will be reading at bedtime.	past	present	future

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2. Complete the sentence

Circle the verb that fits the time.

1. Right now, Mia _____ a picture.
   - was drawing
   - is drawing
   - will be drawing

2. Last night, we _____ a movie when the lights went out.
   - were watching
   - are watching
   - will be watching

3. Tomorrow at noon, I _____ lunch with Grandma.
   - was eating
   - am eating
   - will be eating

4. Look! The birds _____ in the bath.
   - were splashing
   - are splashing
   - will be splashing

5. At 8 o'clock yesterday, Sam _____ to school.
   - will be walking
   - is walking
   - was walking

Answer Key

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2. Complete the sentence

1	Right now, Mia **is drawing** a picture.	was drawing	**is drawing**	will be drawing
2	Last night, we **were watching** a movie when the lights went out.	**were watching**	are watching	will be watching
3	Tomorrow at noon, I **will be eating** lunch with Grandma.	was eating	am eating	**will be eating**
4	Look! The birds **are splashing** in the bath.	were splashing	**are splashing**	will be splashing
5	At 8 o'clock yesterday, Sam **was walking** to school.	will be walking	is walking	**was walking**