

PROGRESSIVE VERBS

Cloze Reading Passages for Grammar Review

YOU'LL GET . . .

- **10 PRINTABLE PASSAGES**
- **ANSWER KEYS**

Last summer, my friends and I _____ a treehouse in my backyard. For weeks, we _____ up and down the tree, carrying wood and tools. Even my little sister _____! This week, we _____ some final touches to our treehouse, like decorations and a rope ladder. My friend, Max, _____ a sign and I _____ curtains to cover the window. In just a few days, we _____ everyone over for a grand opening party, and we _____ all of our hard work! I hope we will _____ cake too!

were building

are adding

was helping

is making

will be inviting

am sewing

will be celebrating

were climbing

will be eating

Great for . . .

Grammar Review

Independent Practice

Centers Activity

Test Prep

Imagine being an astronaut who _____ high above the Earth in a shiny spacecraft. Sounds fun, right? Long ago, when astronauts first landed on the moon, they _____ new rocks and soil, and _____ pictures to send back to Earth. Well, right now, scientists and engineers _____ hard to build new rockets that can take us to distant planets. In the future, we _____ people to Mars for the first time. It will be the adventure of a lifetime! We _____ about the planet's surface, and we _____ for signs of life. Who knows what we might find? As we explore space, scientists _____ how to keep astronauts healthy. They _____ new ways to grow food in space, and they are figuring out how to make sure astronauts are safe during long missions. It is very important because one day, we hope that families will be living on Mars! Can you imagine?

will be searching

are working

will be learning

were discovering

are studying

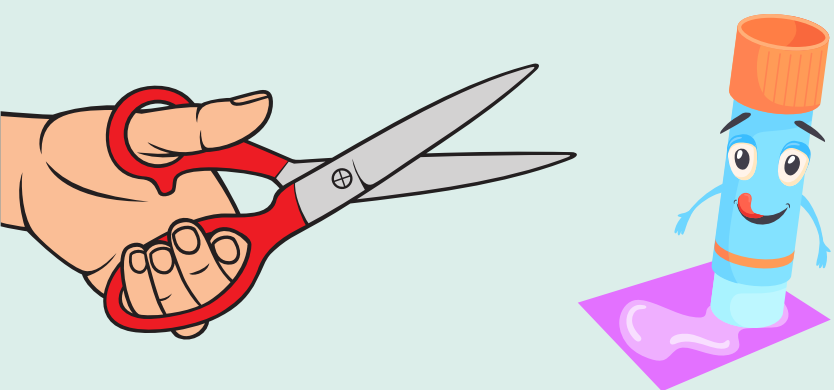
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Easy Prep!

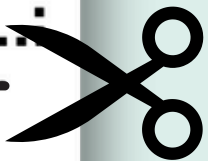


No Time to Prep?
No supplies?
No worries!

Kids write in
answers instead

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backyard. For weeks, we _____ up and down the tree,
carrying wood and tools. Even my little sister _____! This
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and I _____ curtains to cover the window. In just a few days,
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_____ all of our hard work! I hope we will
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Grammar is **FUN** when it
is Tactile, Kinesthetic,
& Collaborative

And revising answers
is fast & easy

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PRO Tip: Underline context clues

Weather is always changing, and it affects our daily lives. Right now, the sun _____ brightly, and birds _____ in the trees. Many kids _____ outside, enjoying the warm day. Yesterday, it _____, and my friends _____ indoors. We _____ time. Next week, we _____ weather is sunny and nice! _____ and everyone _____ to change our plans.

2 DIFFICULTY LEVELS

will be bringing

were reading

was raining

are planning

are playing

will be having

is shining

are singing

were staying

All 9 progressive and helping verb answer choices will be used.

Use context clues for support.

Weather is always changing, and it affects our daily lives. Right now, the sun _____ shining brightly, and birds _____ singing in the trees. Many kids _____ playing outside, enjoying the warm day. Yesterday, it _____ raining, and my friends _____ staying indoors. We _____ tries to pass the time. Next _____ mark. I hope the weather is _____ iches and fruit, and _____ though, we might have to change our plans.

was

were

is

am

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will be

was

were

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am

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will be

was

were

is

am

are

will be

18 helping verbs included

Must use context clues to determine past, present, or future tense

NEED A 3RD DIFFICULTY LEVEL?

Remove answer choices entirely!

Weather is always changing, and it affects our daily lives. Right now, the sun _____ brightly, and birds _____ in the trees. Many kids _____ outside, enjoying the warm day. Yesterday, it _____, and my friends _____ indoors. We _____ books and watching movies to pass the time. Next week, we _____ a picnic in the park. I hope the weather is sunny and nice! We _____ sandwiches and fruit, and everyone _____ fun. If it rains, though, we might have to change our plans.

~~will be playing~~	~~were reading~~	~~is raining~~
~~are planning~~	~~play~~	~~will be having~~
~~is shining~~	~~are singing~~	~~were staying~~

TURN INTO A SELF-CHECKING ACTIVITY

Hide answer key
under desks,
in books, etc.

Treehouse

Last summer, my friends and I **were building** a treehouse in my backyard. For weeks, **we were climbing** up and down the tree, **bringing** wood and tools. Even my little sister **was helping**! This week, we **are adding** some final touches to our treehouse, like **hanging** a rope ladder. My friend, Jack, **is making** a sign and I **am sewing** curtains for the window. In just a few days, **we will be inviting** everyone over for a grand opening party, and we **will be celebrating** all of our hard work! I hope we will **be eating** cake too!

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PROGRESSIVE
VERB TENSE

SCOOT TASK CARDS

Accord
cafe
hot do

Past Progressive

was serving

She _____
sweater

Present Progressive

was wearing

Next month, she _____
to Hawaii for her vacation.

Future Progressive

will be traveling

traveled

will traveled

9

Appositive
Phrases

A Cloze
Activity

10
PASSAGES

Last Tuesday, a powerful earthquake struck and devastated our small town, _____. The ground trembled like jello, shaking houses, schools, and even Fresh Mart, _____. The earthquake, _____, caused chaos and fear among the people. The trembling, _____, sent everyone running outside with eyes wide open. The roads, _____, made it difficult to escape. The buildings, _____, swayed dangerously back and forth. The earthquake, _____, left a trail of destruction behind. Everything, _____, sustained damage. Despite the chaos, our small community, _____, rallied together to rebuild their beloved town.

including our middle school	fractured like a maze of cracks	our local grocery store
like a gigantic rollercoaster	like a thief in the night	the city of Echo Valley
towering giants	a tightly-knit family	a force of nature