Progressive Verb Tenses—ANSWERS
English—Wall

PRESENT PROGRESSIVE TENSE
1. (run) The quarterback is running toward the end zone.
2. (ring) The school bell is ringing, and classes are about to begin.
3. (melt) Winter is over, and the snow is melting.
4. (shine) Today the sun is shining very brightly in the sky.
5. (hurt) Right now my tooth is hurting a lot. I need to see a dentist.

PAST PROGRESSIVE TENSE
1. (sail) The ship was sailing to the Bahamas when it was attacked by pirates.
2. (knock) During the night, someone was knocking on our front door.
3. (jump) My children were jumping on the bed when I got home from work.
4. (check) I was checking the air in my tires when I decided I needed new tires.
5. (wipe) The man was wiping the lipstick off his cheek before he went home.

FUTURE PROGRESSIVE TENSE
1. (remember) The nurse will be remembering each hospital patient’s dietary needs.
2. (trim) James will be trimming his fingernails before playing piano.
3. (make) Harry will be making a better excuse the next time he is absent.
4. (remove) Janet will be removing coins from pockets before doing laundry.
5. (tell) Will you be telling me if I have any grammar errors in my essay?
Double underline the progressive verb. Then write the verb tense. Consult your 12 Tenses chart.

Example:

**future progressive**  Economic reform will be helping the Russian people.

**present progressive**  1. Mrs. Johnson is reading nursery rhymes to the preschool kids.

**present progressive**  2. The children are listening intently.

**past progressive**   3. When you were growing up, you liked nursery rhymes too.

**past progressive**  4. My teacher was reading aloud to us yesterday morning.

**past progressive**   5. Some people in the theatre were whispering during the movie.

**future progressive**   6. In the future, farmers will be using fewer chemicals.

**present progressive**  7. I hear that you are having a birthday today.

**present progressive**  8. I am planning to attend UOP.

**future progressive**   9. Will you be transferring soon?

Complete each sentence with the tense of the verb indicated.

Example: pay  Julio **will be paying** child support from now on.  (*future progressive*)

go  1. While Jack and Jill **were going** up the hill, they cried.  (*past progressive*)

grow  2. Mary **is growing** carrots in her garden.  (*present progressive*)

sit  3. While Humpty **was sitting** on the wall, he got dizzy and fell.  (*past progressive*)

try  4. They **were trying** to help Humpty recover from his dizziness.  (*past progressive*)

eat  5. Julia **was eating** breakfast when the tornado hit her home.  (*past progressive*)

fail  6. I **am failing** my math class at the moment.  (*present progressive*)

do  7. At 10pm tonight, we **will be doing** our homework.  (*future progressive*)

sit  8. In English class today, you **were sitting** in the last row.  (*past progressive*)

get  9. Taxpayers **will be getting** their refunds in the mail soon.  (*future progressive*)

fly  10. You **are flying** to New York for your interview, right?  (*present progressive*)