A progressive verb tense describes an action that was continuing, is continuing, or will continue.

**Past progressive** tense (action that was continuing):
Carrie was planning an extended hike.

**Present progressive** tense (action that is continuing):
Carrie is hiking the Appalachian Trail.

**Future progressive** tense (action that will continue):
Carrie will be hiking for two weeks.

Circle the progressive verb phrases in sentences 1, 3, and 5. Tell whether each one states the past, present, or future tense. Then follow the directions in sentences 2, 4, and 6.

1. We were hiking a long uphill trail. ______________________________________________

2. Change sentence 1 to the present progressive tense. _______________________________________

3. We are getting tired and thirsty. _________________________________________________

4. Change sentence 3 to the future progressive tense. _______________________________________

5. I will be studying the map tonight. _______________________________________________

6. Change sentence 5 to the past progressive tense. _______________________________________

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**Progressive Verb Tenses**

**Part I**
Circle the progressive verb phrase in each sentence. Then show the verb’s tense by shading the matching arrow.

**Past**
- 1. Our youth group will be hiking to the waterfalls this weekend.
- 2. We are camping overnight too.
- 3. I will be bringing marshmallows, graham crackers, and chocolate bars.
- 4. Our group leaders were planning this trip for months.
- 5. I was shopping for just the right gear last night.
- 6. Carrie is making a batch of her favorite trail mix.
- 7. Barry thinks he will be falling a lot.
- 8. Barry is tucking extra bandages into his pack.
- 9. Barry was falling a lot before he got glasses.
- 10. Now that he has glasses, we are hoping Barry won’t need a single bandage.

**Present**

**Future**

**Sentence Code**

- = Rewrite the sentence so the verb is present progressive.
- = Rewrite the sentence so the verb is future progressive.
- = Rewrite the sentence so the verb is past progressive.

**Part II**
Rewrite sentences 1–6 according to the code.

1a. Our youth group will be hiking to the waterfalls this weekend.
2a. We are camping overnight too.
3a. I will be bringing marshmallows, graham crackers, and chocolate bars.
4a. Our group leaders were planning this trip for months.
5a. I was shopping for just the right gear last night.
6a. Carrie is making a batch of her favorite trail mix.

**Bonus:** Rewrite all the past progressive verb phrases so they are in the future progressive tense.
Fill in the bubble next to the form of be to match the boldface progressive tense and complete each sentence.

1. Susan ____________ buying popcorn, soda, a hot dog, and chips for the game.
   A were  B was  C will be

2. My aunt ____________ moving to Toronto too!
   A is  B are  C will be

3. Stanley ____________ ripping open the package.
   A will be  B was  C is

4. Ms. Sherman ____________ earning a degree in law.
   A was  B are  C will be

5. Alberta and her family ____________ arriving today!
   A will be  B were  C are

6. Harriet ____________ reading the longest book I ever saw!
   A is  B was  C will be

7. Tommy ____________ staying home for the rest of the week.
   A is  B will be  C was

8. Too many people ____________ trying to work in the kitchen at once.
   A are  B were  C will be

9. Priscilla ____________ running for what seems like years.
   A was  B will be  C is

10. Mom wants to know who ____________ coming to the party.
    A will be  B was  C is

11. Stanley ____________ saving more money than I am.
    A was  B will be  C is

12. If the team wins the championship, the crowd ____________ cheering like crazy.
    A was  B will be  C is