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Grammar Test on Simple Past and Past Continuous

B. Fill in each blank with the **simple past tense** of the verb in parentheses. Be mindful of **regular** and **irregular** verb forms, as well as **spelling** changes when adding "-ed."

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Yesterday, I _____ (decide) to visit my grandmother after finishing some errands. We _____ (bring) snacks to the living room and _____ (talk) for hours about her past. She _____ (cry) a little when she _____ (speak) about my grandfather, but soon we _____ (sing) together, laughing at an old song she _____ (teach) me as a child.

"_____ (be) you and your sister at the family reunion last month?" she asked, and I _____ (reply) that we _____ (not/be) able to go because we _____ (be) busy. "_____ you _____ (see) your cousins recently?" she then asked, and I _____ (tell) her I hadn't.

The evening _____ (be) wonderful, but when the clock _____ (ring) nine, I _____ (know) it _____ (be) time to leave. Since I _____ (not/plan) to stay for dinner, I _____ (ride) home.

A. For each sentence, choose the correct form of the verbs from the options provided.

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1. She **swam/was swimming** when the shark **attacked/was attacking** her.
2. Jim **broke/was breaking** his leg while he **played/was playing** football.
3. We **crossed/were crossing** the street when the traffic lights **turned/were turning** red.

C. Fill in each blank with the **simple past** or **past continuous** tense of the verb.

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1. When I _____ (walk) into class, two girls _____ (fight).
2. My mom _____ (find) old photographs while she _____ (clean) her room.
3. While I _____ (sit) on the porch, I _____ (see) a shooting star.
4. I _____ (listen) to music when I _____ (hear) a loud crash outside.