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

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

The evening **was** (be) wonderful, but when the clock **rang** (ring) nine, I **knew** (know) it **was** (be) time to leave. Since I **didn't plan** (not/plan) to stay for dinner, I **rode** (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 **walked** (walk) into class, two girls **were fighting** (fight).
2. My mom **found** (find) old photographs while she **was cleaning** (clean) her room.
3. While I **was sitting** (sit) on the porch, I **saw** (see) a shooting star.
4. I **was listening** (listen) to music when I **heard** (hear) a loud crash outside.