Progressive Verb Tenses - ANSWER KEY

Grade 4 | Choosing the past, present or future progressive form of a verb

A progressive verb shows an action that keeps going. Past: was/were + -ing. Present: am/is/are + -ing. Future: will be + -ing. Use the time clue in each sentence to pick the right verb.

1. Yesterday at noon, Leo (was eating / is eating / will be eating) lunch.
   Answer: **was eating**
2. Right now, Ava (was reading / is reading / will be reading) a book.
   Answer: **is reading**
3. Tomorrow, Sam (was riding / is riding / will be riding) the bus.
   Answer: **will be riding**
4. Last night, we (were watching / are watching / will be watching) the stars.
   Answer: **were watching**
5. Listen! The birds (were singing / are singing / will be singing) outside.
   Answer: **are singing**
6. Next week, our class (was visiting / is visiting / will be visiting) a farm.
   Answer: **will be visiting**
7. At this moment, Dad (was cooking / is cooking / will be cooking) soup.
   Answer: **is cooking**
8. When the bell rang, Mia (was drawing / is drawing / will be drawing).
   Answer: **was drawing**
9. Later today, I (was helping / am helping / will be helping) my aunt.
   Answer: **will be helping**
10. Look, the kids (were playing / are playing / will be playing) tag now.
    Answer: **are playing**
11. Soon, the team (was practicing / is practicing / will be practicing) again.
    Answer: **will be practicing**
12. Last summer, the twins (were learning / are learning / will be learning) to swim.
    Answer: **were learning**