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Tenses in a Story: The Missing Trophy

Six tenses in one story. Look for the time words.

Tense	Form	Example
simple present	play / plays	Ben **plays** chess every Friday.
present continuous	am / is / are playing	Look! Ben **is playing** now.
simple past	played · went	Ben **played** yesterday.
past continuous	was / were playing	Ben **was playing** when I called.
present perfect	have / has played	Ben **has** just **played**.
future	will play · am going to play	Ben **will play** tomorrow.

PART A Story gap-fill

Read the story. Fill in the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

The Missing Trophy

Every year, our school 1 _____ (hold) a sports day in the park. Last Friday, it 2 _____ (be) sports day again. At ten o'clock, while the runners 3 _____ (warm) up, Mr Smith 4 _____ (notice) that the big silver trophy was not on the table.

"Someone 5 _____ (take) the trophy!" he shouted. Everyone 6 _____ (start) to look for it. Then Amy 7 _____ (see) something shiny under a bench. It was the trophy! A little dog 8 _____ (sit) next to it.

Look at the photo from that day. The dog 9 _____ (sit) in Mr Smith's office and Mr Smith 10 _____ (give) it some water. Next year, I think Mr Smith 11 _____ (keep) the trophy in a box!

PART B Read and answer

Answer the questions in full sentences.

1 What were the runners doing when Mr Smith noticed the trophy was missing?

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Answers **A** 1 holds · 2 was · 3 were warming · 4 noticed · 5 has taken / took · 6 started · 7 saw · 8 was sitting / sat · 9 is sitting · 10 is giving · 11 will keep / is going to keep **B** 1 They were warming up.

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