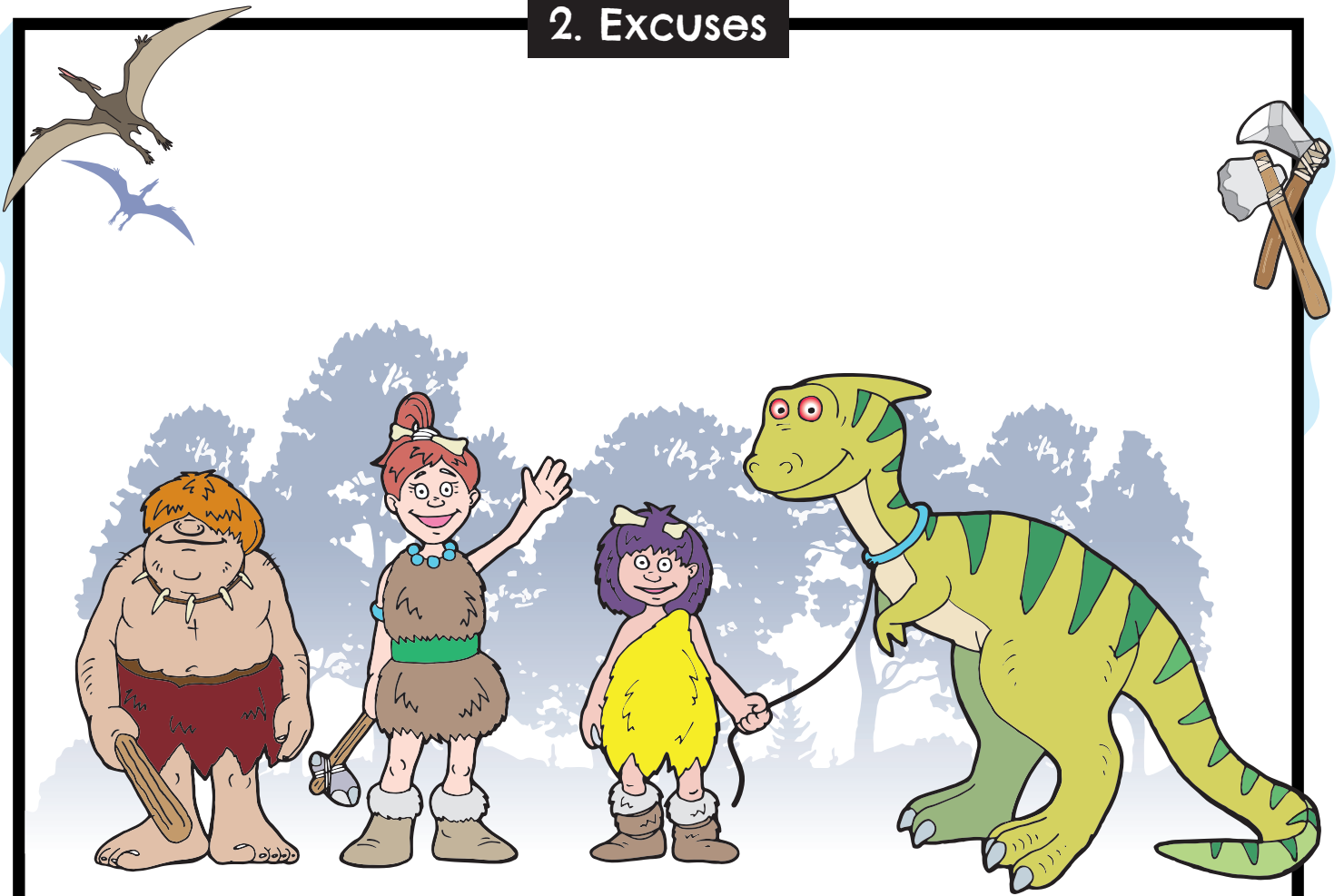


## 2. Excuses



The Moonlights came to see the Firestones.

They were taking Seff for a walk. They were going to the forest.

"We were wondering what you were doing?" said Sol.

"I was busy making your new firestone," said Dad, quickly waking up.

"I was dusting the cave," said Mum, hiding Dad's socks.

"And I'm getting a pet dinosaur," said Axel, looking at Seff.

"We are not having a pet dinosaur!" said Mum.

"He's joking. We are much too busy to look after a dinosaur."

"I *am* getting a dinosaur!" said Axel.





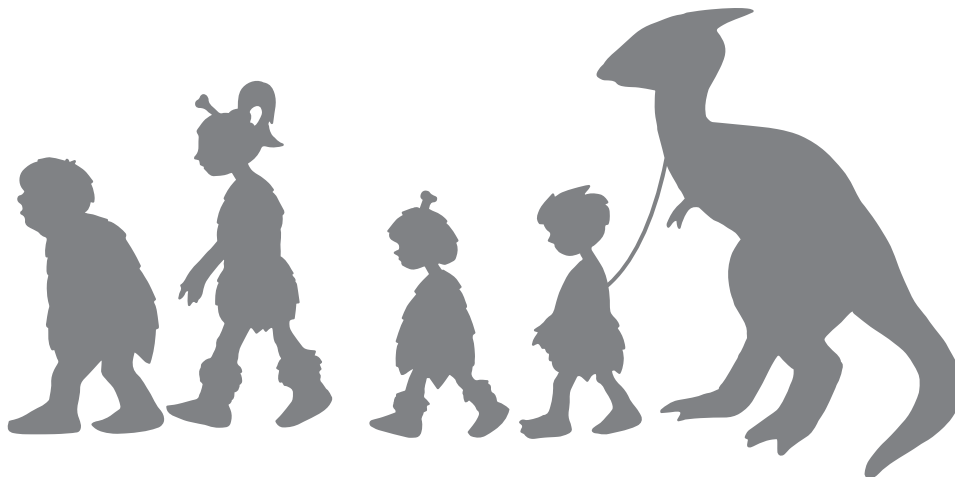
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I can use helping verbs to form the progressive tense.



Use the correct “helping” verb in the brackets to form the progressive tense.

- 1 The Moonlights ..... going for a walk. (**was / were**)
- 2 They ..... taking Seff to the forest. (**were / was**)
- 3 “We ..... wondering if you would like to come,” they said. (**was / were**)
- 4 “I ..... making your firestone,” said Ash. “I’m too busy.” (**is / am**)
- 5 “I ..... dusting the cave,” said Flame. “I’m too busy.” (**am / is**)
- 6 “We ..... working too hard to go for a walk,” they said. (**is / are**)
- 7 “But Axel ..... looking for something to do,” they said. (**am / is**)
- 8 Now the Moonlights ..... going for a walk with Seff and Axel. (**is / are**)



Find all the examples of the progressive tense in the story.





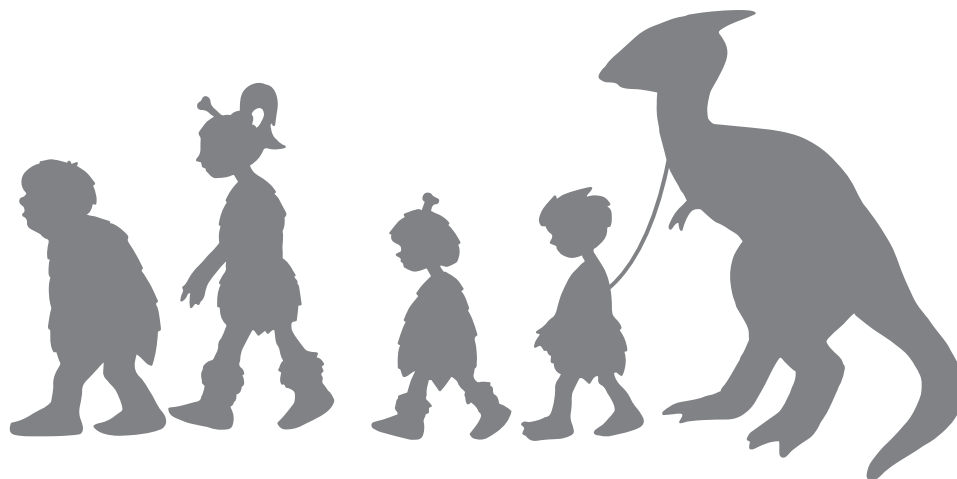
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## I can use helping verbs to form the progressive tense.



Use the correct form of the progressive tense in the brackets to complete the sentences.

- 1 The Moonlights ..... for a walk. (**was going / were going**)
- 2 They ..... Seff to the forest. (**were taking / was taking**)
- 3 "We ..... if you would like to come," they said. (**was wondering / were wondering**)
- 4 "I ..... your firestone," said Ash. "I'm too busy." (**is making / am making**)
- 5 "I ..... the cave," said Flame. "I'm too busy." (**am dusting / is dusting**)
- 6 "We ..... too hard to go for a walk," they said. (**is working / are working**)
- 7 "But Axel ..... for something to do," they said. (**am looking / is looking**)
- 8 Now the Moonlights ..... for a walk with Seff and Axel. (**is going / are going**)



Find all the examples of the progressive tense in the story.

