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2. By noon, we _____ the lion feeding session.
3. Mrs. Tamper _____ tulips when it started to rain.
4. Mr. Tamper _____ the roses while humming a tune.
5. They _____ tomatoes in the garden.
6. Our family _____ at the new Italian restaurant when the power went out.
7. He _____ up flowers for his date tonight.
8. This Sunday, they _____ their anniversary at the beach.
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1. The zookeepers **are feeding** the penguins as we speak.
2. By noon, we **will be watching** the lion feeding session.
3. Mrs. Tamper **was planting** tulips when it started to rain.
4. Mr. Tamper **is watering** the roses while humming a tune.
5. They **will be harvesting** tomatoes in the garden.
6. Our family **was dining** at the new Italian restaurant when the power went out.
7. He **is picking** up flowers for his date tonight.
8. This Sunday, they **will be celebrating** their anniversary at the beach.
9. Children **were singing** door to door last evening.