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1. (Present progressive) Families _____ their homes with colorful lights and ornaments.

2. (Future progressive) On Christmas Eve, we _____ gifts late into the night despite the bedtime.

3. (Past progressive) The girls _____ their dolls for the pajama party.

4. (Present progressive) She _____ a new outfit for her favorite doll.

5. (Future progressive) Next Saturday, they _____ their handmade dolls at the fair.

6. (Past progressive) The panda _____ on a bamboo stick.

Answer sheet

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1. (Present progressive) Families are decorating their homes with colorful lights and ornaments.

2. (Future progressive) On Christmas Eve, we will be wrapping gifts late into the night despite the bedtime.

3. (Past progressive) The girls were dressing their dolls for the pajama party.

4. (Present progressive) She is sewing a new outfit for her favorite doll.

5. (Future progressive) Next Saturday, they will be showcasing their handmade dolls at the fair.

6. (Past progressive) The panda was gnawing on a bamboo stick.