Level 5 - Verb Tense Consistency

Directions: **Read** the given sentences. **Choose the option** that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.” Then, in the space below, **justify** your answer. This will look just like the back side of your quiz!

1. Aunt Lillian had frozen four quarts of her homegrown strawberries, but she lost them

after the hurricane was knocking out power for eight days.

A. froze

B. had lost

C. knocked

D. No change is necessary.

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Because Sammy had been eating all of the chocolate mint ice cream before she got home, Roxanne whacked him over the head.

A. ate

B. was eating

C. had eaten

D. No change is necessary.

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Carlos pawed at his hair and shook his head, but he cannot dislodge the giant spider tangled in his curls.

A. was pawing

B. was shaking

C. could not

D. No change is necessary.

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Grandpa planted a backyard garden, hoping that it was helping with the high cost of food.   
A. will help   
B. would help   
C. helped   
D. No change is necessary.

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_