# Cumbre Vieja volcano eruption

a) Watch this videoclip:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEYoS3zoV-8

b) Choose the word that matches each definition:

1. Something that can't be stopped

unstopped unstopping unstoppable

2. Rock that is so hot that it melts (becomes liquid)

melted rock molten rock liquid rock

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3. To happen before another thing

succeed precede occur

4. A weak trembling of the earth

tremor earthquake earth vibration

5. A long, thin gap or hole

fissure cone opening

6. Leave a dangerous area

go run evacuate

7. Makes it necessary

needs forces must

8. When a liquid runs downhill it …

flows falls freezes

9. Important, serious

significant meaning graveyard

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10. Show, spectacle

display see watch

c) Revise these class notes:

# PAST SIMPLE

**FORM:**

Affirmative: S + **V-ed** / irregular past
Negative: S + **did**n't + **V**
Interrogative: **did** + S + **V** ...?

**MEANING:**

Use the indefinite past in Spanish:

It **happened** yesterday. = Sucedió ayer.
It **caused** a lot of damage. = Causó muchos daños.
It **began** in September. = Empezó en Septiembre.
(begin - began - begun)

**USE:**

1. Finished actions:

He **arrived** early. = Llegó temprano.

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2. Short actions that interrupt a longer action in progress:

The volcano **erupted** while we were sleeping.

3. Events in a story:

The man **took out** a gun and **shouted**: Stop!

# PAST CONTINUOUS

**FORM:**

Affirmative: S + **was / were** + **V-ing**
Negative: S + **was**n't / **were**n't + **V-ing**
Interrogative: **was / were** + S + **V-ing** ...?

**MEANING:**

Translate literally or use an imperfect past in Spanish:

Lava **was coming** from the volcano. =
= **Estaba saliendo / Salía** lava del volcán.

Scientists **were taking** samples. =
= Los científicos **estaban tomando / tomaban** muestras.

Use an indefinite past if the duration is mentioned:

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They **were watching** the volcano **all night**. =
= **Estuvieron vigilando** el volcán **toda la noche**.
(not "Estaban vigilando / Vigilaban el volcán…)

**USE:**

1. Actions in progress (not finished):

   In this photo I **was jumping** into the water. =
   = En esta foto estaba saltando al agua.

2. Long actions in progress which are interrupted by a short, finished action:

   We **were watching** the volcano when the police arrived. = Estábamos mirando el volcán cuando llegó la policía.

3. Descriptions in a story:

   The man **was sitting** in a car. He **was smoking** a cigarette. He **was looking** at the restaurant's door. Everyone **was carrying** an umbrella because it **was raining** heavily.

4. Description of an activity in progress in the past for a specified period of time:

   We **were watching** TV **for an hour** and then we went to bed.

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d) Fill in the gaps with the PAST SIMPLE or the PAST CONTINUOUS of the verbs in brackets.

The volcano in La Palma which _____ (erupt) in September 2021 _____ (cause) the evacuation of 7,000 people and _____ (destroy) more than 2,600 houses between September and the end of November, but fortunately the lava _____ (not kill) any people.

However, on 13th November a man _____ (die) while he _____ (clean) his house of the ashes from the volcano.

For some days before the eruption _____ (start), scientists _____ (examine) all the data from the area. They _____ (warn) the authorities of what _____ (happen).

They _____ (notice) that volcanic gases _____ (come) out of the volcano, the earth _____ (tremble) and an increasing amount of

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smoke _____ (come) out. Finally, the eruption _____ (begin) on the 19th of September. It lasted almost three months.

e) Read the text and answer these questions. You can write long or short answers.

1.- When did the volcano start erupting?

2.- How many people were evacuated?

3.- Did the lava kill anybody?

4.- What was the man who died on 13th Novebember doing when he died?

5.- Who did the scientists warn?

6.- Has the eruption finished?

f) Choose the correct caption for each photo.

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