

# 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

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

## 10. Show, spectacle

display

see

watch

c) Revise these class notes:

# PAST SIMPLE

## FORM:

Affirmative: S + **V-ed** / irregular past

Negative: S + **didn'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.

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 + **wasn't / weren'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:

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.

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

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 November 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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