

Extension

Cumulative Grammar



1 Circle the correct words to complete the text.

An Amazing Survival

It's Wednesday, 13th October 2010 and I'm outside the San José mine in Chile. It's 69 days after the landslide and ⁽¹⁾there is / there are many people here, including relatives, other newspaper journalists (like me) and the President of Chile. They ⁽²⁾is / are shouting. ⁽³⁾Why / When are they making so much noise? Because they ⁽⁴⁾wait / are waiting for the last miner, Luis Urzúa, to come out.

Luis Urzúa, together with Frank Lobos, Carlos Barrios and 30 other miners, ⁽⁵⁾work usually / usually work in this mine but their lives changed on 5th August. There ⁽⁶⁾was / were a landslide inside the mine and enormous rocks ⁽⁷⁾fallen / fell and blocked the tunnel out of the mine.

How did they ⁽⁸⁾survive / survived 700m under the ground? They had air and it was warm. There were emergency supplies in the refuge: tuna, biscuits, milk and water. On day 17, the men ⁽⁹⁾make / made contact with the surface and sent up a note. It said, 'The 33 of us are well!'

Fifty-two days later and all of the miners are now above ground. They ⁽¹⁰⁾suffer / are suffering from trauma and they aren't working. Later on this year they ⁽¹¹⁾travel / are travelling to resorts in the Dominican Republic and Disneyland because everyone wants to help them.



My Progress

Tick (✓) the boxes to evaluate your progress.



I can use the **past simple** to describe actions in the past.

I can use **was** and **were** to describe situations in the past.

I can use **could** and **couldn't** to talk about ability in the past.

i All Clear Facts

Over one billion people around the world watched the rescue of the 33 miners in 2010. The total cost of the rescue was \$20 million.