

**Choose the best answers to complete the sentences.**

1. The volunteers were planting trees **when** it suddenly \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Mai \_\_\_\_\_ a mural on the wall **when** her teacher came to check on her.
3. The students \_\_\_\_\_ donated clothes **while** the staff were arranging tables.
4. We were walking to the community center **when** we \_\_\_\_\_ a group cleaning the street.
5. The volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ recycled bottles **while** others were sweeping the yard.
6. Lan was helping an old woman cross the road **when** her friends \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The community workers were fixing the playground swings **when** it \_\_\_\_\_ windy.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ to a local resident about the new charity program **when** he smiled warmly.
9. The volunteers were preparing food packages **while** the children \_\_\_\_\_ handmade cards.
10. They were organizing a clean-up event **when** more people \_\_\_\_\_ to join.

**Complete the sentences using the correct past simple or past continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.**

1. The volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the park **when** it suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain.
2. Mai \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) a mural on the school wall **when** some students \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) to help her.
3. The students \_\_\_\_\_ (collect) old clothes **while** the teachers \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) food packages.

4. We \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) around the neighborhood **when** we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a group planting trees.
5. Lan \_\_\_\_\_ (help) the elderly cross the street **when** her friends \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
6. The community workers \_\_\_\_\_ (fix) the playground equipment **while** the children \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) nearby.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to a local resident **when** he \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me about the recycling program.
8. The volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ (organize) donated books **while** others \_\_\_\_\_ (set up) a reading corner.
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ (distribute) free water bottles **when** the charity event \_\_\_\_\_ (begin).
10. We \_\_\_\_\_ (pick) up trash along the river **while** our teachers \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) the importance of keeping the environment clean.