

- A. assessed B. assess C. were assessing D. are assessing
59. Heavy rain _____ continuously when the mudslide occurred yesterday afternoon.
- A. fell B. was falling C. falls D. is falling
60. From 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., volunteers _____ sandbags to protect homes from flooding.
- A. filled B. were filling C. fill D. are filling

Exercise 2: Fill in the blank with THE PAST CONTINUOUS.

- At 11 p.m. last night, emergency helicopters _____ (fly) over the disaster area searching for survivors.
- While the firefighters _____ (battle) the wildfire, strong winds made their job even more dangerous.
- I _____ (prepare) my emergency kit when the earthquake warning came through my phone.
- The children _____ (not/play) outside when the tornado touched down near their school.
- What _____ you _____ (do) at this time yesterday when the flood warning was issued?
- Heavy rain _____ (fall) continuously while rescue teams tried to reach the trapped families.
- From 6 a.m. to noon yesterday, volunteers _____ (distribute) food and water when another aftershock hit.
- The ground _____ (shake) violently when we ran out of the building.
- _____ the emergency sirens _____ (sound) when you left your house?
- While some residents _____ (evacuate), others _____ (refuse) to leave their homes despite the danger.

Exercise 3: Circle the correct option in brackets.

- At midnight last night, strong winds (was blowing / were blowing) debris through the streets.
- The earthquake struck while most people (slept / were sleeping) peacefully in their homes.
- Emergency teams (was working / were working) around the clock to clear the blocked roads.
- I (watched / was watching) the weather forecast when the power suddenly went out.
- While the storm (raged / was raging), a massive tree fell and blocked the main evacuation route.
- At this time yesterday, thousands of residents (evacuated / were evacuating) the danger zone.
- The volcano (erupted / was erupting) continuously when the scientists arrived at the observation point.
- What (did you do / were you doing) when you felt the first earthquake tremor?
- The rescue helicopter (wasn't flying / weren't flying) because of the severe weather conditions.
- While volunteers (distributed / were distributing) supplies, a truck suddenly (arrived / was arriving) with more donations.

Exercise 4: Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences

- The 2004 tsunami completely destroyed thousands of coastal homes in Southeast Asia.
A. demolished B. ruined C. rebuilt D. devastated
- Climate change continues to affect weather patterns around the globe, causing more extreme events.

- A. influence B. have no effect on C. impact D. alter
3. The meteorological department failed to predict the sudden change in the hurricane's path.
A. forecast B. anticipate C. misjudge D. foresee
4. The earthquake severely damaged the city's infrastructure and transportation system.
A. repaired B. harmed C. injured D. impaired
5. Emergency sirens warned residents about the approaching tornado last night.
A. alerted B. notified C. reassured D. informed

Exercise 5: Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences

1. The authorities warned coastal residents to evacuate before the typhoon made landfall.
A. encouraged B. requested C. commanded D. alerted
2. The volcanic eruption destroyed entire villages within a 10-kilometer radius.
A. devastated B. preserved C. abandoned D. relocated
3. Rising sea temperatures affect the formation and intensity of tropical storms.
A. prevent B. influence C. observe D. reduce
4. Scientists can now predict earthquakes with greater accuracy using advanced technology.
A. measure B. prevent C. forecast D. analyze
5. The flood damaged crops and agricultural land across three provinces.
A. improved B. harmed C. protected D. replaced

Exercise 6: Fill in each blank with the appropriate form of the word in brackets.

1. The local _____ issued an evacuation order before the typhoon arrived. (AUTHORITY)
2. The earthquake caused massive _____ to buildings in the city center. (DESTROY)
3. The flood was the most _____ event in the region's recent history. (DISASTER)
4. Weather experts made accurate _____ about the storm's path. (PREDICT)
5. Many people made generous _____ to help the flood victims. (DONATE)
6. The weather service issued a _____ about the approaching hurricane. (WARN)
7. The rescue operation _____ hundreds of volunteers from nearby towns. (INVOLVE)
8. The emergency teams worked _____ according to a detailed plan to evacuate all residents before the storm. (SYSTEM)
9. Heavy rainfall _____ severe flooding in coastal areas last week. (CAUSE)
10. The brave _____ saved many lives during the earthquake. (RESCUE)

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Exercise 1: Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) that best completes each of the following exchanges.