

# Natural disasters

## 1 Read the speech bubbles. Match them to the pictures.

1 We were skiing when we suddenly saw the snow on the mountain opposite falling. The sound was terrible. \_\_\_\_

2 We were having a picnic. We heard a noise, then we smelled the wood and saw the smoke above the forest. \_\_\_\_

3 We were having dinner when this terrible wind hit our house. We looked outside and it went round and round. \_\_\_\_

4 We were sitting on the beach. Suddenly the sea started behaving strangely. Someone shouted and we all ran. \_\_\_\_

5 The noise was really loud. Bang! It was so sudden. \_\_\_\_

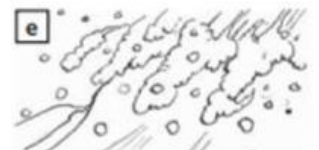
6 I hate storms. And this was really bad. The flashes of light were very bright and very frightening. \_\_\_\_

7 The rain didn't stop. We looked outside and saw the river. The water was getting higher and higher. \_\_\_\_

8 We were staying in Sicily. One night we took a trip to Mount Etna. We thought the top was on fire. Then the next day it happened. \_\_\_\_

9 At first I thought a heavy lorry was passing outside. It wasn't. Then the things in my room started moving. \_\_\_\_

10 The weather forecast said a tropical storm was coming. But the wind got stronger and stronger. We thought the roof was coming off the house. \_\_\_\_



## 2 Write the name of each of the natural disasters in exercise 1.

## Past continuous

### 1 Choose the correct verb forms.

- 1 What ... you doing at seven o'clock this morning?  
a was      **b were**
- 2 This time yesterday, I was ... a picture in class.  
a drawing    b draw
- 3 We ... watching TV at 9.30 p.m. last night.  
a wasn't    b weren't
- 4 ... Carmen making a cake earlier?  
a Was      b Were
- 5 I ... reading a good book in the library.  
a were      b was
- 6 Charlie ... studying hard in class.  
a wasn't    b weren't

### 2 Complete the sentences with the verb forms below.

was    was    wasn't    wasn't    were    weren't

- 1 I was visiting the museum at 10 a.m. yesterday.
- 2 'Were you walking through Barcelona in this photo?'  
'Yes, we           .'
- 3 It was sunny this morning. It            raining.
- 4 They were playing football just now. They             
doing their homework.
- 5 'Were you playing that new video game with Nuria  
earlier?'  
'No, I           .'
- 6 Carlos            waiting at the bus stop when I  
arrived. He said 'hello'.

### 3 Are the sentences correct (C) or incorrect (I)?

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 We was waiting for you earlier.     | C <input type="checkbox"/> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 I was playing basketball at 2 p.m.  | C <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 3 They wasn't looking at the art.     | C <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 4 What was Pablo doing last week?     | C <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 5 Was you feeling tired in class?     | C <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 6 My friends weren't listening to me. | C <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/>            |

## Past continuous and past simple

### 4 Choose the correct verb forms.

- 1 While I ... my art homework yesterday, Diego called.  
a did  
**b was doing**  
c were doing
- 2 I was walking around the art gallery when I ... my  
school friend.  
a met  
b were meeting  
c was meeting

- 3 While we ... the match, it started to rain.

a watched  
b was watching  
c were watching

- 4 He was running fast when he ... an accident.

a were having  
b was having  
c had

- 5 When the teacher asked a question, they ....

a weren't listening  
b wasn't listening  
c didn't listen

- 6 What ... when you saw Emma?

a you were doing  
b was you doing  
c were you doing

### 5 Choose the correct sentence.

- 1 **a** I was walking in the park when I found some  
money.  
b I walked in the park when I found some money.
- 2 a We were meeting a French girl while we were  
travelling.  
b We met a French girl while we were travelling.
- 3 a They cycled when they suddenly saw the dog.  
b They were cycling when they suddenly saw the dog.
- 4 a You weren't waiting when we arrived.  
b You weren't waiting when we were arriving.
- 5 a Did Kate phone while you ate dinner?  
b Did Kate phone while you were eating dinner?

### 6 Complete the sentences with the words below.

As    As    As    ~~doing~~    having    listening    singing  
talking    walking    was    ~~watching~~    were    were

- 1 As we were watching TV, we were  
doing our maths homework.
- 2 As my parents            having breakfast, they  
           reading the newspaper.
- 3            he was            a shower, he was  
           a song.
- 4 As I            playing the video game, I was  
           to my friend.
- 5            you were            to school, you  
were            to music.