Choose the best answers to complete the sentences.

1. The volunteers were planting trees **when** it suddenly _____.
   A. rains
   B. rained
   C. was raining
   D. is raining
2. Mai _____ a mural on the wall **when** her teacher came to check on her.
   A. painted
   B. was painting
   C. paints
   D. is painting
3. The students _____ donated clothes **while** the staff were arranging tables.
   A. sorted
   B. were sorting
   C. sorts
   D. are sorting
4. We were walking to the community center **when** we _____ a group cleaning the street.
   A. see
   B. saw
   C. were seeing
   D. seen
5. The volunteers _____ recycled bottles **while** others were sweeping the yard.
   A. collect
   B. collected
   C. were collecting
   D. are collecting
6. Lan was helping an old woman cross the road **when** her friends _____.
   A. arrive
   B. arrived
   C. were arriving
   D. arrives
7. The community workers were fixing the playground swings **when** it _____ windy.
   A. gets
   B. got

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C. was getting
D. get

8. I _____ to a local resident about the new charity program **when** he smiled warmly.
   A. talked
   B. was talking
   C. talk
   D. am talking
9. The volunteers were preparing food packages **while** the children _____ handmade cards.
   A. made
   B. make
   C. were making
   D. makes
10. They were organizing a clean-up event **when** more people _____ to join.
    A. come
    B. came
    C. were coming
    D. comes

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.

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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.

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