

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 ☐ I ☒ |
| 2 I was playing basketball at 2 p.m. | C ☐ I ☐ |
| 3 They wasn't looking at the art. | C ☐ I ☐ |
| 4 What was Pablo doing last week? | C ☐ I ☐ |
| 5 Was you feeling tired in class? | C ☐ I ☐ |
| 6 My friends weren't listening to me. | C ☐ I ☐ |

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.