

Name : _____

Class : _____

Unit 4: For A Better Community

PART II: LANGUAGE

Past simple vs past continuous with when and while

1. Choose the correct verb form in each of the following sentences.

1. While Lan was working / worked as a volunteer in the countryside, she met an old friend.
2. I was revising for my civics class when my dad was telling / told me about the volunteer Job.
3. We saw many unhappy children while we were helping / helped people in remote areas.
4. He was sorting the donations when he was realising / realised how generous people were.

2. Combine the two sentences using “when” or “while” where appropriate.

1. While they were cleaning the streets, it started to rain./ They were cleaning the streets when it started to rain.
2. While I was watching TV, I saw the floods and landslides in the area. / I was watching TV when I saw the floods and landslides in the area
3. Tim was searching for employment opportunities when he found a job advert from a non-governmental organisation. / While Tim was searching for employment opportunities, he found a job advert from a non-governmental organisation.
4. They decided to help build a community centre for young people when they were visiting some poor villages. / They were visiting some poor villages when they decided to help build a community centre for young people.