

## THE SCHÜRMANN FAMILY

Complete the email with the past continuous or simple past forms of the verbs in parentheses.

From: Kate  
Date: September 10  
Subject: Information for project on families

Hi Ray,

I think I have the information we need for the project. I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (look) online yesterday when I

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a site about the Schürmann family. The Schürmanns are a Brazilian family who

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (sail) around the world.

Vilfredo Schürmann (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (run) his own company when he and his wife

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to start a completely new life. They (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (get) on their

sailboat and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (leave)! They (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) the next ten years sailing.

As they (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) around the world, millions of Brazilians (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (follow)

their adventures on TV. They (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (come) back to Brazil in 1994.

What do you think? Is this interesting enough for our project?

Kate

## CHAIN STORY

**A GROUP WORK** Make up a funny story. One student starts and another student continues. Continue until you end the story. Use the past continuous, simple past, and past perfect as needed.

A: One night, I was walking in the park when I saw my cousin.

B: She looked really strange. She was talking to a dog, and she didn't see me.

C: I had never seen the dog before. I decided to follow her . . .

**B GROUP WORK** Join another group and share your stories.