

THE SCHÜRMANN FAMILY

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

From: Kate

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Subject: Information for project on families

Hi Ray,

I think I have the information we need for the project. I (1) _____ (surf) the Internet yesterday when I (2) _____ (find) a site about the Schürmann family. The Schürmanns are a Brazilian family that (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 television. 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.