

GRAMMAR

1 Write the questions for the following answers.

- 1 _____ ?
Craftsmen were already making decorative glass objects in the 10th century on the island of Murano.
- 2 _____ ?
During the 14th century, craftsmen on the island of Murano became more important in society.
- 3 _____ ?
They decided to visit the island of Murano while they were on holiday in Venice.
- 4 _____ ?
They chose three different types of Mater-Bi™ to make the accessories.
- 5 _____ ?
When he saw the sustainable building materials they were using, he said he was very pleased with their choice.
- 6 _____ ?
They didn't use local materials to construct the building because they had already signed a contract with a firm in the north.

2 Complete the short texts with a verb from the box in the Past simple or Past continuous.

have to • collect • realise • not use

- 1 While they _____ organic waste, they _____ that people _____ the right kind of bags, so they _____ go from door to door to tell them what to do.

not think • have • be • begin

- 2 When the new building project _____ 2 years ago, the local people _____ it _____ a good idea for their neighbourhood to have a new shopping centre because local shops _____ problems with sales at that time, due to the recession.

discover • stop • lay • leak • call

- 3 They _____ the new flooring when they _____ that the water pipes underneath _____, so they _____ and _____ a plumber to come and fix them.

hear • contact • try • be

- 4 While they _____ local firms to see if they _____ interested in joining the project to build a glass structure, they _____ from an engineer who _____ to find someone to finance his ideas to reinforce glass.

3 Choose the correct alternative in each sentence.

- 1 He *was painting/painted* the bathroom, when the doorbell *rang/was ringing*.
- 2 Unfortunately, they *didn't use/weren't using* non-toxic materials when they *built/were building* our home.
- 3 While they *walked/were walking* in the dark, they *came/were coming* across a strange structure.
- 4 While they *mixed/were mixing* the cement, sand, gravel and water to make concrete, I *inspected/was inspecting* the area where the wall was to be built.
- 5 While the tourists *watched/were watching*, the glassmaker *blew/was blowing* the molten glass into a bubble.
- 6 They *weren't thinking/didn't think* they took/were taking so long to discuss the project till someone told them it was after midnight.

4 Translate the following sentences into English.

1 La casa che stavano costruendo era quasi finita quando scoprirono che i materiali che stavano usando non erano idonei.

2 Decisero di utilizzare materiali ecologici e naturali, invece di prodotti difficili da mantenere, perché stavano cercando di ridurre i costi.

3 Quando una nuova gestione assunse il controllo del nostro supermercato locale, i nuovi direttori furono sconcertati nello scoprire che l'imballaggio non era riciclabile e cambiarono subito fornitore.

4 Mentre visitavamo l'isola, abbiamo avuto l'occasione di vedere alcuni artigiani a lavoro che stavano creando uno splendido vaso in vetro.

5 Quando siamo arrivati alla conferenza, un signore stava già parlando dell'importanza della scelta dei materiali nel cohousing, per ridurre al minimo l'impatto ambientale.

6 Durante una visita guidata a Murano, un bambino prese in mano un delicato oggetto in vetro e, senza volerlo, lo fece cadere per terra.
