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Identify the progressive verb phrases in the paragraph below by underlining the verb phrases, then labeling them as *progressive past*, *progressive present*, or *progressive future*.

During the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79, ash and rocks were flying into the air, covering the nearby cities. People were running away in fear as the ground shook beneath them. Many were trying to grab their belongings while the volcano was erupting. Today, archaeologists are digging at the sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum, uncovering the stories of the people who lived there. As they dig, they are finding items that show how people lived before the eruption, giving us a glimpse into the past that was buried under ash for so long. For years to come, scientists will be digging for more clues that can teach them about this historic natural disaster.

Label each verb phrase as *progressive past*, *progressive present*, or *progressive future*

- Verb Phrase 1: _____
- Verb Phrase 2: _____
- Verb Phrase 3: _____
- Verb Phrase 4: _____
- Verb Phrase 5: _____