

DISASTER

1 Look at the pictures! What natural disasters do they show? Tick the correct options!

TSUNAMI
TORNADO
FOREST FIRE
AVALANCHE
EARTHQUAKE
FLOOD



2 Another disaster story! Read the text and choose the best option to complete the text!

It happened / *was happening* one day last winter when we ¹ *were sitting / sat* in the classroom at school. We ² *did / were doing* an exam when we suddenly ³ *heard / were hearing* the teacher say 'Avalanche!' We all ⁴ *looked / were looking* out of the window - it ⁵ *came / was coming* down the mountain towards the school!

Because we live in the mountains, there's a special safe room in our school in case there's an avalanche, so we ⁶ *ran / were running* there. We ⁷ *hid / were hiding* in the safe room when suddenly the avalanche ⁸ *hit / was hitting* our school. There was a terrible noise, and then everything was quiet.

The avalanche was scary, but we were all OK. And we ⁹ *didn't go / weren't going* to school for a month!

3 Complete the dialogue with the reporter's questions.

And then what happened?
What did you do? What time did it start?
How did you feel afterwards?
What were you doing

Reporter ¹
when the earthquake happened?
Man We were sleeping at home.
Reporter ²
Man About two o'clock this morning. When we woke up, the room was shaking.
Reporter ³
Woman We ran out into the garden.
Reporter ⁴
Man The shaking stopped. Luckily our house is OK.
Reporter ⁵
Man Very scared!

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4 Complete the disaster story using Simple Past or Past Continuous!

Fire on Black Mountain

Last summer, I (stay) with my cousin in Montana. We 2. (go) walking in the forest every day. One day, we 3. (walk) when we suddenly 4. (see) a forest fire! We 5. (start) to run, and at that point, a helicopter flew over us. It 6. (drop) water on the fire. We 7. (shout) and 8. (wave). In the end, the pilot saw us. The helicopter 9. (take) us back home. When we got there, my aunt 10. (cry). She was very worried and hugged us the moment she saw us. The next day, we told all our friends about our lucky escape.

5 Story completion time! Look at the picture and complete the sentences with your own ideas!



Last winter,...

One day, ...

Suddenly, ...

Afterwards,...

In the end,...