NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

Read the interview and answer the questions

Cultural awareness

A natural disaster in New Zealand

Earthquake in Christchurch

Fact box

New Zealand is a country in the Pacific Ocean 1,500 km east of Australia. Many earthquakes happen there. New Zealand also has more than 50 volcanoes!

A few years ago, a terrible earthquake happened in the city of Christchurch in New Zealand. It killed 185 people, but Jay Watson had a lucky escape.

Reporter What were you doing when the earthquake happened?

Jay I wasn't at school that day because I was sick. I was sitting on my bed when I heard a terrible noise and the whole house started shaking.

Reporter What did you do?

Jay I realized it was an earthquake so I quickly got down on the floor between my bed and the wall. I thought that was the safest place. At school, we often have earthquake drills, so we know what to do in an emergency.

Reporter What happened next?

Jay Suddenly the wall of my bedroom collapsed and I fell out of the house! I fell about ten metres, from the second floor of the house into the front garden!

Reporter Were you hurt?

Jay At first I thought I was seriously injured, but I actually only had a few scratches and bruises on my back. I was really lucky!

Reporter How did you feel?

Jay Scared! And not just because of the fall. Lots of bricks fell on top of me while I was lying on the ground. Our next-door neighbour, who's a firefighter, pulled me out from under the bricks. My mum couldn't believe that I was alive!

Reporter How did your life change because of the earthquake?

Jay Well, we had to move to a new house because there was so much damage to our old one. It's in a different area, but I still go to the same school. And it's only got one floor, so I feel a bit safer!

Exercise 1: Read the interview again. Are the sentences true or false? Write (T) for true and (F) for false.

No	Sentence	True or False
1.	Jay tried to escape.	
2.	Jay fell through a wall.	
3.	Jay was not badly injured.	
4.	Jay was helped by someone he knew.	
5.	Jay no longer goes to the same school.	

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Exercise 2: Answer the questions. Write (A) or (B) in the box provided.

1. Where was Jay when the earthquake happened? 1.
   A. At school.
   B. At home.

2. Where did Jay think was the safest place during the earthquake? 2.
   A. on the floor between his bed and the wall.
   B. Under her bed near the wall.

3. Where did Jay often have earthquake drills? 3.
   A. At home.
   B. At school.

4. What happened to Jay when the wall of his bedroom collapsed? 4.
   A. He fell from the second floor of the house into the front garden.
   B. He fell from the second floor to his neighbour's garden.

5. Was he seriously injured? 5.
   A. Yes, he was.
   B. No, he wasn't.

6. Why Jay's family had to move to a new house? 6.
   A. They were scared of recurrence of earthquakes in that area.
   B. There was so much damage to their old house.

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