

UNIT 9: Natural Disasters

A Closer Look 2

I. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or past perfect.

1. By the time the firefighters _____ (arrive), the fire _____ (already destroy) over 50 hectares of pine forests.
2. Two people _____ (report) that flames _____ (trap) them inside a smoke-filled apartment.
3. It _____ (rain) all morning before the tornado _____ (touch) down.
4. They _____ (not know) where to shelter from the storm because nobody _____ (tell) them.
5. _____ (you/ already leave) the office when the fire _____ (start)?
6. The post _____ (not arrive) when I _____ (leave) home this morning.
7. It _____ (be) cloudy for days before it _____ (start) to rain heavily and _____ (flood) the whole City.
8. When I _____ (get) to the check-in desk, I realized I _____ (leave) my ticket at home.
9. After Tom and his neighbours _____ (put out) the fire, the fire engines _____ (arrive) at the cottage.
10. She _____ (recognize) the warning signs that she _____ (learn) in a school lesson on tsunami two days before.
11. By the time the rescuers _____ (arrive), they _____ (run) out of food and water.
12. The rescue team _____ (find) the child after they _____ (search) for ten hours.

II. Rewrite the sentences in passive voice.

1. A magnitude 7.1 earthquake shook Southern California on Friday.

2. They will provide temporary housing to earthquake victims as soon as possible.

3. Rescue teams have saved hundreds of people from floods in Metro Manila.

4. An average of 20 typhoons hit the country every year.

5. A massive landslide buried dozens of homes near a Central Philippine mountain.

6. They are repairing roads and bridges damaged by the hurricane.

7. Across the northwest Florida coast, people were clearing storm debris.

8. Authorities have lifted a tsunami warning after a strong earthquake.

9. Submarine volcanic eruptions can cause tsunamis.

10. Will the government send troops to flooded regions?
