

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?
