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Tonga trying to clean up after tsunami and volcano

I. Match sentences and translations. Write a number in the parentheses

A cleanup operation has begun in Tonga after the island nation was hit by a tsunami and covered in volcanic ash at the weekend. ( ) The HungaTonga-Hunga-Ha'apai undersea volcano erupted on Saturday. ( ) Experts believe it was the world's biggest volcanic eruption in over 30 years. ( ) It sent tsunami waves across the Pacific to Japan and the U.S. coast. ( ) It also destroyed large parts of Tonga. ( ) Islanders are now trying to restore services and normal life to the country. ( ) However, the ash is making this difficult. ( ) A lot of the rescue and recovery work cannot go ahead until the ash has been cleared. ( ) It has buried many buildings. ( ) It is also blocking many of the country's roads. ( )

1. Gran parte del trabajo de rescate y recuperación no puede continuar hasta que se haya limpiado la ceniza.
2. Los expertos creen que fue la erupción volcánica más grande del mundo en más de 30 años.
3. Los isleños ahora están tratando de restaurar los servicios y la vida normal en el país.
4. El volcán submarino HungaTonga-Hunga-Ha'apai entró en erupción el sábado.
5. También está bloqueando muchas de las carreteras del país.
6. También destruyó gran parte de Tonga.
7. Ha enterrado muchos edificios.
8. Sin embargo, la ceniza lo está dificultando.
9. Envió olas de tsunami a través del Pacífico a Japón y la costa de los Estados Unidos.
10. Se inició una operación de limpieza en Tonga después de que la nación isleña fuera golpeada por un tsunami y cubierta de ceniza volcánica el fin de semana.

Tonga's government called the eruption from the volcano and the tsunami "unprecedented". ( ) It said the twin disasters have severely affected life on the island. ( ) There is no Internet because the only underwater cable connecting Tonga to the World Wide Web was cut by the eruption. ( ) Engineers are trying to restore full communications. ( ) It is also difficult to fly aid into the country because the airport is damaged. ( ) Tonga's government is worried that rescue efforts may bring COVID-19 into the country. ( ) Tonga shut its borders to international arrivals in 2020. ( ) It said it was "covid-free" before the tsunami. ( ) It now fears international aid workers could bring a "tsunami of COVID-19" into the country. ( )

11. Al gobierno de Tonga le preocupa que los esfuerzos de rescate puedan traer el COVID-19 al país.
12. Ahora teme que los trabajadores humanitarios internacionales puedan traer un "tsunami de COVID-19" al país.
13. No hay Internet porque el único cable submarino que conecta a Tonga con la World Wide Web fue cortado por la erupción.
14. El gobierno de Tonga calificó la erupción del volcán y el tsunami como "sin precedentes".
15. También es difícil enviar ayuda por aire al país porque el aeropuerto está dañado.

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16. Dijo que los dos desastres han afectado severamente la vida en la isla.
17. Dijo que estaba "libre de Covid" antes del tsunami.
18. Los ingenieros están tratando de restaurar las comunicaciones completas.
19. Tonga cerró sus fronteras a las llegadas internacionales en 2020.

II. Match Words and Meanings

Paragraph 1

1	operation		Completely damaged.
2	covered		Put back as it was before.
3	eruption		An organized activity involving a number of people
4	destroyed		Put or hide under the ground; covered.
5	restore		Hidden underneath a layer of something.
6	rescue		The action of a volcano forcing out ash, jas and lava.
7	buried		Save someone from a dangerous or difficult situation.

Paragraph 2

8	unprecedented		Help.
9	severely		Never done or known before.
10	cable		In a great (bad) way.
11	border		People coming into a country via its airports or sea ports, or across its borders.
12	arrivals		A line between two countries.
13	fears		A thick wire rope to send electricity, Internet signals and phone calls.
14	aid		Bad feelings and big worries caused by danger, pain, or harm.

III. Match Words and Meanings

Infinitive	Simple past	Past participle	Meaning
Begin			
Cover			
Believe			
Destroy			
Block			
Say			
Cut			
Damage			

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