

Listen and Read to the Interview. After That, Answer Following Questions.

Earthquake in Christchurch



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.

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

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!

3) Read the Interview Again and Choose the Correct Words.

Jay...

1. Tried to (Escape / Protect Himself)
2. Fell (Out of a window / Through a Wall)
3. Was (Badly / Not Badly Hurt in Earthquake.
4. Was Helped by (Someone He Knew / A Team of Firefighters)
5. No Longer (Lives in the Same Area / Goes to the Same School)