

Module 7: Natural Disasters

The Man Who Rode a Tornado p. 80 SB

by Matt Suter



19-year-old high school student Matt Suter was visiting his grandmother in her trailer in Missouri, USA. Earlier in the day the weather was nice, but during the afternoon dark clouds started gathering in the sky. By night, it was raining heavily and strong winds were blowing against the trailer.

It was then that Matt heard a strange loud noise. "It was like ten aeroplanes around us," he said. Suddenly, the walls, floor and ceiling started shaking.

Furniture was moving around in all directions. Terrified, Matt tried to hold onto the sofa, but he couldn't. Something lifted him off his feet and out as the walls of the trailer were collapsing. When Matt woke up, he was lying on the grass in the middle of a field, 400 metres from the trailer! He had a cut on his head and some small cuts and bruises on his body. When he realised where he was, he went to a neighbour for help. His neighbour wrapped him in a blanket and drove him back to the trailer. His grandma was OK, but the trailer was in pieces. Matt's grandma was delighted to see him.

Matt was very lucky to escape disaster. No other person on record has travelled that distance 'by tornado' and lived to tell the story. For Matt it was a frightening experience. "I always wanted to see a tornado," he said. "But I definitely didn't want to be in one!"

Прочитай текст и посмотри видео к нему. Устно изложи события в этой истории по следующим заголовкам:

where he was – who he was with – when it happened – what happened – how he felt.

Task 1. Прочитай текст ещё раз и впечатай в пропуски рядом с предложениями (1-6) T (true), F (false) или DS (doesn't say).

- 1 Matt Suter lived with his grandmother in a trailer.
- 2 It was raining all day before the tornado hit.
- 3 Passing planes made the trailer shake.
- 4 Matt hit his head when he landed in the field.
- 5 Matt escaped the tornado with minor injuries.
- 6 Matt's grandmother thought he was dead.

Task 2. Дополни газетные заголовки словами (перетаски слова мышкой):

BLOW COLLAPSE TELL STRONG SHAKES SURVIVED ESCAPES

TWO PEOPLE LIVED TO 1) THE STORY

2) WINDS 3) TRAIN OFF BRIDGE

BUILDINGS 4) DURING TORNADO

I 5) THE JAPANESE TSUNAMI

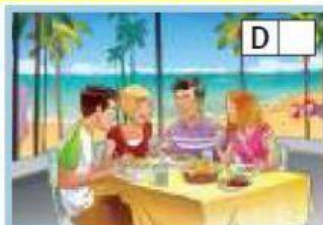
MAN 6) DISASTER AFTER ROOF COLLAPSES

EARTHQUAKE 7) BUILDINGS IN TOKYO

Task 3.

Прослушай диалог

В печатай цифры (1-4) к картинкам (A-D) по порядку их упоминания в диалоге



Письменно в тетради

Напиши краткое изложение истории в диалоге по подзаголовкам: *who – when – where – what happened – feelings.*

Используй слова и фразы из Task 2 и из прошедших занятий