

Four disasters



Good evening. Our programme tonight is about disasters. This year there have been fires, plane crashes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. All our guests tonight have survived disasters.



Hi! I'm Bill Daniels. I live in Chicago. I _____ (work) in my office on the 28th floor of a skyscraper. I _____ (dictate) some letters to my secretary when the fire-bell _____ (ring). I _____ (rush) out to the lift but it _____ (work). The stairs were full of thick smoke. We couldn't go down, so we had to go up to the roof. When we _____ (got) there some people _____ (wait) calmly. Others _____ (shout) and _____ (scream) wildly. A helicopter _____ (manage) to land on the roof and _____ (rescue) six of us before the building _____ (collapse).





My name's Martha Huggins. I was on holiday in the South Pacific and I _____ (stay) on Pogohiti, a small island. I _____ (have) a rest when the volcano _____ (erupt). The noise _____ (wake) me up. I _____ (look) through the window. Everybody _____ (run) towards the harbour. I just _____ (put) on a coat, and _____ (run) to the harbour too. I _____ (manage) to get on a ship. It _____ (leave) when the lava _____ (hit) the town.



Hello, I'm George Green. I'm a farmer. I _____ (work) in the field behind my house when I _____ (see) the plane. It was on fire. Smoke _____ (come) from the engines, and it _____ (come) down fast. I _____ (run) towards my house when it _____ (crash) into the trees behind me. I _____ (heard) terrible explosion ... when I _____ (wake) up, I _____ (lie) in a hospital bed.





Good evening. My name's Michael Purt. My wife and I _____ (stay) with friends on Santa Monica in the Caribbean. We _____ (have) dinner when the earthquake _____ (begin). Everything _____ (shake). All the plates and food _____ (fall) onto the floor. We _____ (pick) everything up when the ceiling _____ (fall) onto us. We couldn't move, and we had to wait for three hours before help _____ (arrive).

