

DISASTER

1 Look at the pictures! What natural disasters do they show? Tick the correct options!

TSUNAMI
TORNADO
FOREST FIRE
AVALANCHE
EARTHQUAKE
FLOOD



2 Another disaster story! Read the text and choose the best option to complete the text!

It happened / was happening one day last winter when we ¹ were sitting / sat in the classroom at school. We ² did / were doing an exam when we suddenly ³ heard / were hearing the teacher say 'Avalanche!' We all ⁴ looked / were looking out of the window - it ⁵ came / was coming down the mountain towards the school!

Because we live in the mountains, there's a special safe room in our school in case there's an avalanche, so we ⁶ ran / were running there. We ⁷ hid / were hiding in the safe room when suddenly the avalanche ⁸ hit / was hitting our school. There was a terrible noise, and then everything was quiet.

The avalanche was scary, but we were all OK. And we ⁹ didn't go / weren't going to school for a month!

3 Complete the dialogue with the reporter's questions.

And then what happened?
What did you do? What time did it start?
How did you feel afterwards?
What were you doing

Reporter ¹
when the earthquake happened?
Man We were sleeping at home.
Reporter ²
Man About two o'clock this morning. When we woke up, the room was shaking.
Reporter ³
Woman We ran out into the garden.
Reporter ⁴
Man The shaking stopped. Luckily our house is OK.
Reporter ⁵
Man Very scared!

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4 Complete the disaster story using Simple Past or Past Continuous!

Fire on Black Mountain

Last summer, I (stay) with my cousin in Montana. We ² (go) walking in the forest every day. One day, we ³ (walk) when we suddenly ⁴ (see) a forest fire! We ⁵ (start) to run, and at that point, a helicopter flew over us. It ⁶ (drop) water on the fire. We ⁷ (shout) and ⁸ (wave). In the end, the pilot saw us. The helicopter ⁹ (take) us back home. When we got there, my aunt ¹⁰ (cry). She was very worried and hugged us the moment she saw us. The next day, we told all our friends about our lucky escape.

5 Story completion time! Look at the picture and complete the sentences with your own ideas!



Last winter,...

One day, ...

Suddenly, ...

Afterwards,...

In the end,...