PULSE 2, UNIT 3:
EARTHQUAKE IN CHRISTCHURCH
Read the news report below.

Cultural awareness

A natural disaster in New Zealand

Earthquake in Christchurch

Fact box

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

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.

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!

Complete the following table. Choose **no more than three words and/or a number** from the text.

1.Jay was not at school that day because _____.

2. The whole house _____ after the terrible noise.

3. Jay realized it was an earthquake so he _____ on the floor.

4. Jay thought that the _____ was in between the bed and the floor.

5. Jay said that he know what to do in an emergency because they often _____.

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6. After Jay fell out of the house, luckily he only had a few _____.

7. Jay felt _____ because of the fall and also there are lots of bricks fell on top of him.

8. Jay and his family move to a new house and feel a bit safer because the house only _____.

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