

Reading and Vocabulary

- 1.** What do you know about the earthquake of 2010? Read Luis' experience and discuss as a class.

At 3.34 am local time, Chile, my country, suddenly changed. The earthquake lasted about three minutes. My world, and that of my countrymen and women, became a massive horror story played out on the world stage. I was in Santiago because I had a soccer match with my team. We were resting after the match in a hotel when the earthquake started. The earth screamed; a sound of thunder came from its belly as it violently shook the plants, the cars, the walls, and the room I was in. It seemed like a very long time. Then silence. From floor fifteen, I looked down at the city below while the building was still swaying and saw a

huge cloud of dust. After the earthquake, there was a tsunami, which devastated six regions.

The day started off as a fun soccer practice and finished with a horrible earthquake. There was no way I could have gotten out of the building. It was shaking too hard. I stood in a doorway to try to protect myself. Everything that was standing fell over. Once the earthquake stopped, I ran to the window that looks down over the city. Screaming, crying, yelling, and panic coming from the city. Many of the houses nearby collapsed. It was really scary.

- 2.** Read the article and write T (true) or F (false). Correct the false statements.

a. ____ The earthquake lasted three seconds.

b. ____ Luis was in Santiago for a soccer match.

c. ____ Before the earthquake, there was a tsunami.

d. ____ The tsunami affected the entire country.

- 3.** Put the events in the correct order.

a. ____ Luis saw a cloud of dust.

d. ____ Luis played a soccer match.

c. ____ Luis and the team were resting in the hotel.

e. ____ There was a tsunami.