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Listening

Eyewitness

I can identify the context of a dialogue or monologue.

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1 Match the words below with definitions 1–10.

avalanche drought earthquake epidemic famine
flood forest fire mudslide tsunami
volcanic eruption

- 1 A(n) [] is when the ground shakes and buildings collapse.
- 2 A(n) [] is when hot rocks, fire and steam suddenly come out of the ground.
- 3 A(n) [] is when water covers the ground in places which are usually dry.
- 4 A(n) [] is when snow and ice fall quickly down a mountain.
- 5 A(n) [] is a long period of time without enough food in a region.
- 6 A(n) [] is a very large and long wave following an earthquake under the ocean.
- 7 A(n) [] is when there is no rain for a long time.
- 8 A(n) [] is a fire that spreads quickly through a large area of trees.
- 9 A(n) [] is when a serious disease spreads to lots of people.
- 10 A(n) [] is when a large quantity of wet earth suddenly falls down the side of a hill.

2 Label photos A and B with the natural disaster words from exercise 1.



A []



B []

Listening Strategy

It is important to be able to identify the context of the listening, i.e. who is speaking, where and when they are speaking, and what the situation is. This is not always obvious, so listen carefully for clues to help you.

3 1.35 Read the Listening Strategy. Then listen to two dialogues and answer the questions. Write the clues which gave you the answers.

Dialogue 1

- 1 Where are they? []
Clues: []
- 2 What natural disaster caused the damage? []
Clues: []

Dialogue 2

- 3 What kind of natural disaster are they discussing? []

- 4 What time of day is it? []
Clues: []

4 1.16 Listen to four extracts. Match each extract with a natural disaster from exercise 1.

- 1 Natural disaster: []
- 2 Natural disaster: []
- 3 Natural disaster: []
- 4 Natural disaster: []

5 1.16 Listen again and choose the correct answers.

- 1 The dialogue takes place

- a in a shopping centre.
- b in the street.
- c in a supermarket.

- 2 The disaster happened while the speaker

- a was on holiday in Japan.
- b was in a business meeting.
- c was in a Japanese lesson.

- 3 The speaker first went to Africa

- a about three years ago.
- b about two years ago.
- c before university.

- 4 The man who is giving information about Mount Bagana is

- a a guest at the hotel.
- b an employee at a tourist information office.
- c an employee of the hotel.