

Reading

Multiple matching

Preparing for the task

1 Match the sentences (1-4) with the sentences (A-D) that have similar meanings. 
Which words helped you to decide? 

1

... People who are outside should stay away from the walls of buildings.

2

... Put on long sleeves, long trousers and good shoes to protect yourself from broken objects.

3

... Get under a piece of heavy furniture and hold on to it.

4

... Stay indoors until the shaking stops.

A Don't go outside until everything is no longer moving and it's clear that there's no more danger.

B Use a table, desk or bed as a shelter and don't let go of it.

C Change out of summer clothing, which makes injuries more likely.

D To stay safe, don't go near tall structures, and avoid doorways in particular.

STUDY SKILLS

2 Read the information from three earthquake safety advice leaflets (A-C) and the questions (1-4). For each question choose the correct leaflet and write the appropriate letter in the box. There is one question that matches none of the paragraphs. 

Which leaflet gives useful advice for

1 survivors of an earthquake?

A B C -

...

2 people who work nights?

A B C -

...

3 people who are in cars?

A B C -

...

4 people who experience an earthquake while sleeping?

A B C -

...

EARTHQUAKE safety advice

A If an overnight earthquake wakes you, don't get up. Trying to move to a safer location is more dangerous than staying under the sheets. For example, broken glass can injure you if you try to go downstairs. Instead, stay where you are and protect your head with a pillow.

B Stop at the roadside in a safe place. Avoid bridges and locations near trees, damaged buildings and broken power lines. Don't leave your vehicle and don't remove your seat belt. Switch on the radio and listen for advice from the authorities.

C Don't waste food or water. Major earthquakes can create a shortage of both. If water is still running from the tap, it's a good idea to fill a bathtub. If you are without power, unplug all electrical items to prevent fires when the electricity returns.

5 b) Now choose the correct word for each gap. ...

- 1 It was hard to keep **calm** / **calming** when the lights went out. ...
- 2 **Fortunately** / **fortunate**, nobody was seriously injured. ...
- 3 I was **looking** / **looked** forward to the volcano hike. ...
- 4 We hold emergency drills regularly because we live **with** / **in** an earthquake zone. ...
- 5 The rescuers **rushed** / **rushing** to the collapsed building. ...
- 6 By 3 o'clock the fire was getting out **from** / **of** control. ...

6 Read the task below. Complete the gaps

(1-3) with the words from the box to make the text grammatically and lexically correct. There are three extra words that you don't need. ...

A pushing C expected E agreed
B waited D discussed F carrying

The story of Pompeii in Italy is one of the most famous natural disasters in history. Although the town was very close to the volcano Vesuvius, nobody 1) it to erupt the way it did in 79 AD. In fact, people 2) that Vesuvius was extinct. The eruption buried the town so quickly that many people were still 3) out everyday activities when they were killed.