



Earthquake!

Thousands of fans filled the Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

A handful of ballplayers are on the field. They are stretching, chatting, and warming up. The start of Game 3 of the 1989 World Series between the Giants and the Oakland Athletics is moments away. Excitement fills the air.

Suddenly, everything changes. The huge stadium begins to rumble and swing. Lights go out. Cracks form and chunks of concrete fall from the upper deck. Scared fans head for the exits. What happened?

What happened is that rock beneath the Earth's surface had suddenly moved. Then the ground began to shake. San Francisco was having a major Earthquake!

Bridges buckled and buildings swayed. Highways collapsed. The earthquake caused a pause in the World Series. The games didn't start up again for ten days.



1. What caused the fans to fill the ballpark?
 - a. There was an earthquake
 - b. It was the World Series
 - c. Cracks formed in the walls
2. The lights started to go out because...
 - a. It was the first game
 - b. They were in a ballpark
 - c. There was an earthquake
3. Why did the games pause for ten days?
 - a. The stadium was ruined
 - b. Scared fans headed for the exits
 - c. The Giants were playing
4. What caused the ground to begin to shake?
 - a. Highways collapsed
 - b. Rock under the surface suddenly moved
 - c. Bridged buckled