



Reading Comprehension

NEWS ITEM TEXT



A. Drag and drop the word provided bellow to fill in the blanks.

Blaze

Casualties

Relocated

Extinguish

Witness

Text 1

Greater Jakarta: 75 houses razed in W. Jakarta fire

The Jakarta Post, Jakarta | Jakarta | Thu, February 26 2015, 7:58 MA

Fire engulfed around 75 houses in a densely populated area in Rawa Buaya, West Jakarta on Wednesday.

There were no _____1) in the incident, but 350 people were left homeless and forced to seek shelter elsewhere. A _____2), Joko, 32, said the fire was seen to start in the house of a man named Dulkamit, 65, at 8:30 a.m.

It was probably because of a short circuit," he said, as quoted by beritajakarta.com. Joko said residents tried to _____3) the fire, but they were overwhelmed by the flames that quickly engulfed the combustible materials in the houses such as wood, bamboo and plywood. Kamil, a 43-year-old West Jakarta Fire Department officer, said his department deployed 14 fire trucks to extinguish the _____4).

"The site was hard to reach as our vehicles were halted by many illegal buildings," he said. Rawa Buaya subdistrict head Ridwan stated that the victims were temporarily _____5) to the nearby Al-Hasmi mosque.



B. Choose the best answer!

- 1 What is the text about?
 - A. Fire Brigade in West Jakarta
 - B. West Jakarta Fire Department Office
 - C. The casualties of a disaster in Rawa Buaya
 - D. Houses in fire in Rawa Buaya, West Jakarta
 - E. Densely populated area in Rawa Buaya
- 2 How many people lost their houses?
 - A. 14
 - B. 32
 - C. 65
 - D. 76
 - E. 350
- 3 What is probably the cause of the incident?
 - A. Short circuit
 - B. Illegal buildings
 - C. The homeless people
 - D. Combustible materials
 - E. The relocation of the victims
- 4 The role of Ridwan as the source person is a/an ...
 - A. witness
 - B. victim
 - C. authority
 - D. expert
 - E. participant
- 5 "... but they were overwhelmed by the flames."

The underlined word refers to

 - A. residents
 - B. flames
 - C. combustible materials
 - D. houses
 - E. vehicles



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C. Read the text carefully and identify the text structure! Drag and drop the label next to the appropriate part of the text!

Source 1

Source 2

Background Event 1

Background Event 2

Newsworthy Event 1

Newsworthy Event 2

Headline

<p>Floods, High Winds Destroy Homes in Gunung Toar</p>	
<p>Pekanbaru, Heavy overnight <u>downpours</u> caused the Kuantan River in Gunung Toar District to burst its bank on Monday, inundating more than 200 homes in Partapahan and Toar subdistrict with up 2 meters of water.</p>	
<p>The same day, strong winds also hit the two subdistricts at about 3.30 a.m., causing severe damage to 12 homes and moderate damage to other houses. Gunung Toar district head Ahyan Arvonis said no fatalities had been reported so far, following the floods and the winds that caused panic among local residents.</p>	
<p>"We have yet to calculate the financial losses caused by the disaster, but at least Rp. 200 million in damages was incurred when the 24 ready-to-harvest fish farms belonging to residents were destroyed by the flood", Ahyan told The Jakarta Post over the phone.</p>	
<p>He said the Kuantan Singingi Administration had established emergency response posts in the affected area. The Riau provincial Administration had also sent emergency aid. "Additional aid can also be sent as soon as possible, anytime it is needed," Governor Rusli Zaenal said.</p>	

D. Choose the best answer!

- 1 What is the text about?
 - A. Natural disaster
 - B. Floods and high winds
 - C. Natural disaster in Gunung Toar
 - D. Flood and winds destroyed houses in Gunung Toar
 - E. Emergency response for the disaster in Gunung Toar
- 2 We learn from the text that
 - A. There were twelve people died in the disaster
 - B. There were 24 residents lost during the disaster
 - C. Twelve subdistrict were inundated in Pekanbaru
 - D. There were 24 houses severely damaged by the flood
 - E. Flood and strong wind hit two subdistrict in Gunung toar
- 3 Ahyan Arvonis is
 - A. Governor of Riau
 - B. Head of Toar subdistrict
 - C. Head of Gunung Toar district
 - D. Head of Riau provincial administration
 - E. Head of Kuantan Singingi administration
- 4 "... to burst its bank on Monday ..."

The underlined word refers to

 - A. Kuantan River's
 - B. Toar subdistrict's
 - C. Kuantan river bank's
 - D. Gunung Toar district's
 - E. Partapahan subdistrict's
- 5 "Heavy overnight downpours caused ..."

The underlined word has similar in meaning with

 - A. river
 - B. wind
 - C. disaster
 - D. snowfall
 - E. rainstorm