Vocabulary – Disasters

Ex. 1 Complete the phrases:

warning | clean | gas | rescue | strong | flooded | heavy | international

1 _____ signs

2 _____ news

3 _____ explosion

4 _____ water

5 _____ snowfall

6 _____ tunnels

7 _____ winds

8 _____ boats

Ex. 2 Choose the correct item:

1 The whole street was flooded **for** **with** water.

2 It was getting late and we were soon walking **in** **among** the dark.

3 Despite the warm clothes they had put **on** **after**, they felt cold.

4 Tony started a fire but the strong winds quickly put it **out** **over**.

5 They couldn't put **off** **at** the meeting to a later date.

6 An ambulance took them **by** **to** hospital.

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Ex. 3 Choose the correct item

1 It was a **difficult** / **heavy** rescue but everyone got out alive.

2 A **high** / **huge** search for the boys started immediately.

3 The fireman that got the boy out of the burning house is a(n) **real** / **alive** hero.

4 It wasn't easy to swim through the **rocky** / **dark** water.

5 The journey home was long and **unhurt** / **dangerous**.

Ex. 4 Complete sentences with the correct word. Three words are extra

flood | fire | avalanche | snowfall | typhoon | earthquake | eruption | thunderstorm

1 The _____ quickly burnt the empty building to the ground.

2 Residents with homes underwater said they had never seen a(n) _____ like it.

3 Strong winds and pouring rain damaged buildings in last night's _____.

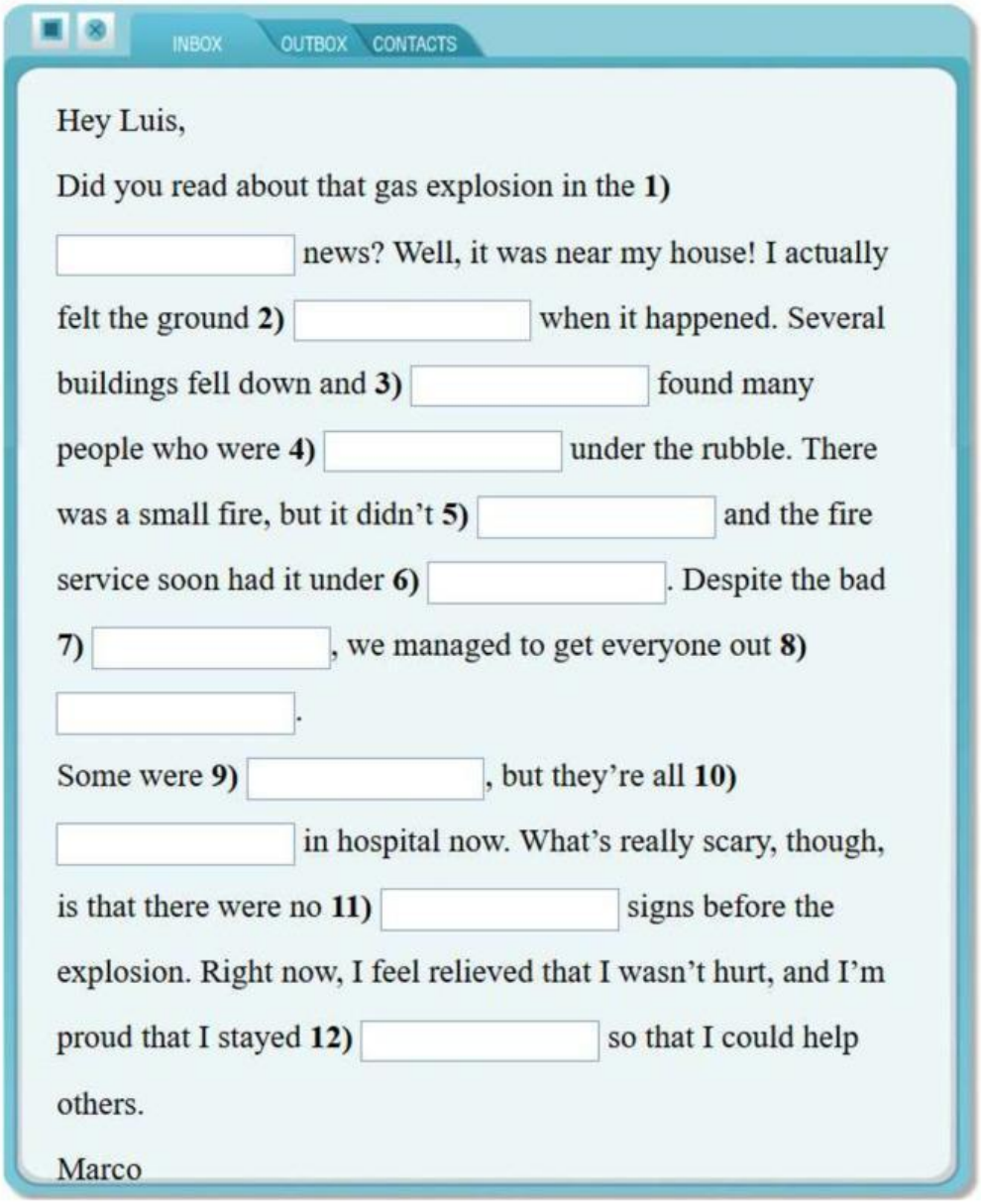
4 Several skiers were trapped under snow yesterday after a sudden _____.

5 The _____ had buried the man under rubble, but we rescued him.

6 The ash from the volcanic _____ could be seen from miles away.

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Ex. 5 Fill in with the words below. Three words are extra.



Hey Luis,

Did you read about that gas explosion in the **1)** _____ news? Well, it was near my house! I actually felt the ground **2)** _____ when it happened. Several buildings fell down and **3)** _____ found many people who were **4)** _____ under the rubble. There was a small fire, but it didn't **5)** _____ and the fire service soon had it under **6)** _____. Despite the bad **7)** _____, we managed to get everyone out **8)** _____.

Some were **9)** _____, but they're all **10)** _____ in hospital now. What's really scary, though, is that there were no **11)** _____ signs before the explosion. Right now, I feel relieved that I wasn't hurt, and I'm proud that I stayed **12)** _____ so that I could help others.

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