

A. Read the blog. Write T (True), F (False), or NG (Not Given) if the information is not in the text.

Most of the time, I write about blizzards, typhoons, floods, and so on. But I don't ski in a blizzard or get wet in a flood. Well, this week's blog is different, because this time I was there when something big happened!

I was on holiday in an area which has earthquakes. I knew that before I went. But the last big earthquake there happened 50 years ago, so I didn't really think about it when I booked.

During the first few days, I went swimming every morning in the warm sea and then, in the afternoon, I walked up the side of the mountain behind the town. I didn't climb over rocks or anything like that. I just walked slowly up a few hundred meters of one of the old donkey tracks.

On the afternoon of the fifth day, I was on the mountain when the ground started to move. I remembered about the earthquakes then, and I thought, 'The ground will open up and I'll fall in.' Then I looked down at the town and saw a huge wave coming very fast towards it. Houses near the beach disappeared under the water. I was safe on the side of the mountain, but my hotel fell down and I lost all my stuff.

23.	The writer's blog is usually about bad weather.	
24.	The writer thought there might be an earthquake while he was there on holiday.	
25.	One of the donkey tracks went to the top of the mountain.	
26.	The writer fell into a hole during the earthquake.	
27.	The writer watched as the tsunami hit the town.	

B. Read an email from Lou to a friend, Millie. Choose the best word or phrase, A, B, C, or D, for each numbered space.

Hi Millie,

Well, here I am in the country. I knew that my grandparents lived a long way from supermarkets and tall apartment buildings, but there's only one shop and a few hundred people in the (28) _____ that they live in.

It's a beautiful place. It's beside a lake, and in the middle of the lake there's a small (29) _____. Nobody lives there, but Grandpa has a boat, and he took us out there yesterday. It is so (30) _____, with only birdsong and the sound of the wind. There are pretty flowers everywhere which I wanted to (31) _____, but Grandpa told me not to do that because the flowers are for everyone.

Tomorrow there is a festival in a place near my grandparent's house, and we are going to watch folk games and the other entertainment. Grandma wants me to take (32) _____ in the cake competition, so I plan to bake something this evening.

I'll write you after the festival and tell you all about it – and send a picture of my prize if I win!

Love

Lou

28.	A. house	B. village	C. town	D. city
29.	A. land	B. beach	C. island	D. field
30.	A. noise	B. quiet	C. quite	D. noisy
31.	A. take	B. have	C. get	D. pick
32.	A. part	B. place	C. off	D. over

. Rewrite the following sentences without changing their meaning. Use the given word(s) if any.

1. When did you start to bake chocolate cookies? (AGO)

→ How long _____

2. My sister likes watching basketball better than playing it. (TO)

→ My sister _____

3. We studied in the library from 9.30 to 11 o'clock yesterday. (BETWEEN)

→ We studied _____

4. It takes them 45 minutes to play table tennis every Saturday morning.

→ They spend _____

5. The food and drink at the outdoor dinner tonight are free for children under 11. (PAY)

→ Children _____

6. My mother hates noisy parties and crowded places. (NEVER)

→ My mother _____

7. Julie doesn't usually take part in traditional festivals because she works in the city.

→ Julie works _____

8. Jack sometimes rides his bike around the countryside to enjoy some fresh air.

→ Jack sometimes goes _____