1 In places like California, earthquakes
- A can happen daily.
- B don't happen daily.
- C happen every week.

2 When an earthquake happens far from the surface,
- A there is a lot of damage.
- B there is no damage.
- C it does harm to people.

3 An earthquake causes damage when
- A it's high on the Richter scale.
- B it's low on the Richter scale.
- C it happens at the right place.

4 The best thing you can do in an earthquake is
- A to be protective.
- B not panic.
- C stay still.

Earthquakes: a Common Phenomenon

Earthquakes are actually more common than most people think. In fact, in some places around the world, like California, earthquakes can occur every day. Most of these earthquakes are not that strong. The location of an earthquake is a big factor in whether or not it will cause damage. When an earthquake occurs a long way from the earth's surface, it doesn't do any harm to people or buildings. However, when an earthquake occurs near or on the surface, there will be problems. An earthquake doesn't have to be high on the Richter scale to cause damage; it just has to happen at the right place. The best thing you can do in an earthquake is stay calm and know how to protect yourself.

★ **Read the text and write *T* (true) or *F* (false).**

1 Earthquakes don't happen very often. T F

2 There are a lot of earthquakes in California. T F

3 Even weak earthquakes can do lots of damage. T F

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