Reading Test

Hi Maria,

I'm sorry I haven't written for ages, but we've had some problems here. You know we moved house last year. Well, we now live in Grantly. It's a lovely village and much nicer – and larger – than the village where we used to live. Before we moved, Dad checked out the area for flooding problems because two years ago there were some bad floods in a village five miles from here. He was told that there was no risk of floods in this area. Our house is a long way from the river and it was considered to be really safe. But guess what? Last month it rained and rained for days. The river got higher and higher and then it flooded. The whole area was underwater – our house included. The water was about twenty centimetres deep in our downstairs rooms. We had to stay with friends for two weeks. The water went away after a few days, but it was a disaster. All the furniture downstairs and our carpets were ruined. We couldn't keep anything: our TV, the cooker, everything has been thrown out. Luckily, we have insurance, so we will get some money back. But we've all lost precious possessions. I lost my laptop.

The sun is shining now, but I know it's going to take a long time before everything in the house is repaired. We're staying with my aunt and uncle while we clean the house and decorate it. So I'm afraid I can't invite you to come and stay with me at the moment! You know, they teach us at school about climate change and what it means, but you don't really understand how serious it is until something like this happens. I hope you live on a hill!

Write soon and send me your news. It will cheer me up!

Love,
Bess

Read the email. Choose the correct answer.

Example

Bess apologizes because she hasn't _____.

A. ☐ seen Maria for a long time
B. ☑ sent Maria an email for a long time
C. ☐ told Maria about her problems
D. ☐ heard from Maria

1. Bess's new house is _____.

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A. ☐ not far from a river
B. ☐ on a hill
C. ☐ bigger than her old house
D. ☐ in a big village

2. Two years ago there were floods _____.
   A. ☐ in the village where Bess used to live
   B. ☐ in the village where Bess lives now
   C. ☐ many miles away from Bess' new home
   D. ☐ in a village a few miles away from Bess' new home

3. Before they bought their new house, Bess's father _____.
   A. ☐ knew that there were lots of floods in the area
   B. ☐ was told the area was safe from floods
   C. ☐ wasn't worried about flooding
   D. ☐ didn't know who to ask about floods

4. The area was flooded _____.
   A. ☐ two weeks ago
   B. ☐ for ages
   C. ☐ last month
   D. ☐ for ten days

5. Bess and her family had to stay with friends for _____.
   A. ☐ two weeks
   B. ☐ a month
   C. ☐ a few days
   D. ☐ ages

6. In her house _____was ruined.
   A. ☐ only the furniture
   B. ☐ only the electrical appliances
   C. ☐ everything in the house
   D. ☐ everything downstairs

7. Now Bess and her family are _____.
   A. ☐ back in their house
   B. ☐ staying with friends
   C. ☐ staying with family
   D. ☐ staying in a hotel

8. Bess thinks _____.
   A. ☐ it rains too much in the area where she lives
   B. ☐ climate change is responsible for the flooding
   C. ☐ Maria lives on a hill
   D. ☐ some schools are not very good

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Read the email. Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

Example

Bess apologizes because she hasn't seen Maria for a long time.

Bess apologizes because she hasn't written to Maria for a long time.

1. Bess's new village is not as large as the one where she used to live.

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2. A few weeks ago there were floods not far from Bess's new home.

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3. Bess's father checked the flood risk after they bought the house.

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4. Their house was flooded last week.

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5. Bess and her family had to stay with friends for a few days.

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6. Everything in the house was damaged or ruined.

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7. Now Bess and her family are back in their house.

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8. Bess thinks this flooding was caused by bad luck.

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