

**PULSE 2, UNIT 3:**  
**EARTHQUAKE IN CHRISTCHURCH**

Read the news report below.

**Cultural awareness**  
A natural disaster in New Zealand

# Earthquake in Christchurch

**Fact box**  
New Zealand is a country in the Pacific Ocean 1,500 km east of Australia. Many earthquakes happen there. New Zealand also has more than 50 volcanoes!

**A few years ago, a terrible earthquake happened in the city of Christchurch in New Zealand. It killed 185 people, but Jay Watson had a lucky escape.**

**Reporter** What were you doing when the earthquake happened?  
**Jay** I wasn't at school that day because I was sick. I was sitting on my bed when I heard a terrible noise and the whole house started shaking.

**Reporter** What did you do?  
**Jay** I realized it was an earthquake so I quickly got down on the floor between my bed and the wall. I thought that was the safest place. At school, we often have earthquake drills, so we know what to do in an emergency.

**Reporter** What happened next?  
**Jay** Suddenly the wall of my bedroom collapsed and I fell out of the house! I fell about ten metres, from the second floor of the house into the front garden!

**Reporter** Were you hurt?  
**Jay** At first I thought I was seriously injured, but I actually only had a few scratches and bruises on my back. I was really lucky!

**Reporter** How did you feel?  
**Jay** Scared! And not just because of the fall. Lots of bricks fell on top of me while I was lying on the ground. Our next-door neighbour, who's a firefighter, pulled me out from under the bricks. My mum couldn't believe that I was alive!

**Reporter** How did your life change because of the earthquake?  
**Jay** Well, we had to move to a new house because there was so much damage to our old one. It's in a different area, but I still go to the same school. And it's only got one floor, so I feel a bit safer!

Complete the following table. Choose **no more than three words and/or a number** from the text.

1. Jay was not at school that day because \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The whole house \_\_\_\_\_ after the terrible noise.
3. Jay realized it was an earthquake so he \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor.
4. Jay thought that the \_\_\_\_\_ was in between the bed and the floor.
5. Jay said that he know what to do in an emergency because they often \_\_\_\_\_.

6. After Jay fell out of the house, luckily he only had a few \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Jay felt \_\_\_\_\_ because of the fall and also there are lots of bricks fell on top of him.

8. Jay and his family move to a new house and feel a bit safer because the house only \_\_\_\_\_.