

Pre-Listening - Vocabulary



C  **1.17** Read and listen to the sentences with words from the lecture. Guess the meaning of each bold word. Then write each word next to its definition.

- a. Police and firemen are usually the first **responders** to a disaster.
- b. There were only five **survivors** of the plane crash. Everyone else died.
- c. Experts are always looking for better ways to respond to a disaster. They are open to **innovative** ideas that no one has ever thought of before.
- d. The **sensors** in the latest fire alarms work very well. They can detect the presence of smoke immediately.
- e. When you **activate** the fire alarm, the elevators stop working immediately.
- f. To remember and respect those who died in the fire, the town placed a statue on the **site** where the building burned down.
- g. In a fire, elevators are automatically locked and people are unable to **access** them. That is because it is very dangerous to use an elevator during a fire.
- h. The whole town was **devastated** by the fire. Almost everyone knew someone who was injured or died.
- i. It is dangerous to go into the **wilderness** alone. You could be attacked by a wild animal or fall down and injure yourself, and no one would be able to find you.
- j. You should never **underestimate** the power of the ocean. It might look very beautiful, but it can suddenly become extremely dangerous.

1. _____ (v) completely destroyed
 2. _____ (v) guess that someone or something's capability is less than it actually is
 3. _____ (adj) newly made or improved with creativity
 4. _____ (n) people who survive a life-threatening event
 5. _____ (n) machines for sensing (heat, movement, light, etc.)
 6. _____ (v) enter; go into
 7. _____ (v) put in motion; start
 8. _____ (n) people who come to help when there is a serious accident or disaster
 9. _____ (n) an area or place
 10. _____ (n) land in its natural state, especially a large area where humans rarely or never go
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**Based on the two previous exercises,
write a 50-word main idea predicting
the story that you are going to listen
to.**

