The Earthquake

Instructions: Read chapters 6 & 7 and answer the comprehension questions below. Also, practice reading the following text out loud—with English rhythm and pronunciation.

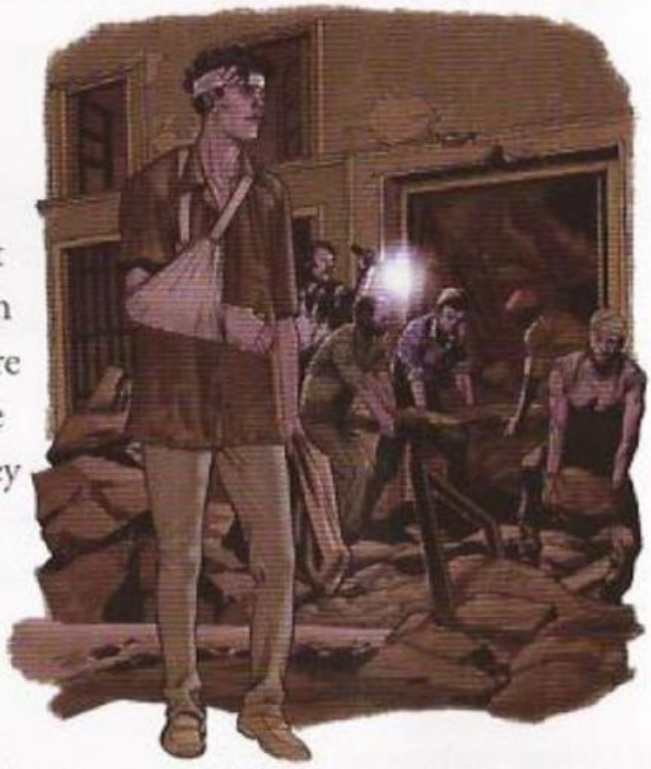
It was early in the morning when Gabriel arrived at the Delgados' flat. His arm hurt badly, and he was terribly thirsty.

The street was quieter now. Most people were out in the country, or in the parks outside the town. But there were four or five men at work in the ruins of the building next door. They pulled the rubble away.

Gabriel watched them for a minute. Suddenly, they stopped working and listened.

'I can hear something!' one man said. 'Here! I think it's a child. Quick! Come and help!'

Gabriel went to them.



1. When did Gabriel arrive at the Delgados' flat? _____

2. His arm still hurt _____ and he was _____ thirsty.

3. Where were most people? _____

4. How many men were at work nearby? _____

5. What can they hear? _____

6. What did Gabriel want to do? _____

7. Did the men let him? _____

8. Where did Gabriel go? _____

9. What did he find on the floor? _____

10. Was the door of the flat open or closed? _____

11. Who were in the flat? _____

12. What were they doing? _____

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13. What was inside the box? _____

14. Why did Gabriel smile? _____

15. What did Gabriel decide to do? _____

16. What did he drink? _____

17. What did Gabriel do for the rest of that day and the next? _____

18. Where did he find food for the workers? _____

19. What could Gabriel hear? _____

20. Why was the child crying? _____

21. Who arrived on the third day? _____

22. Who came to take the boy away? _____

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