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Aid too slow in reaching Philippine needy

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THE ARTICLE

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The United Nations humanitarian chief Valerie Amos has said aid is not reaching survivors of Typhoon Haiyan quickly enough. Ms Amos is the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. She spoke to reporters in Manila yesterday and explained how urgent it was to act more quickly. She said: "The situation is dismal. Those who have been able to leave have done so. Many more are trying. People are extremely desperate for help." She added: "We need to get assistance to them now. They are already saying it has taken too long to arrive. Ensuring a faster delivery is our immediate priority." Early efforts at providing assistance were hampered by continuing bad weather.

Typhoon Haiyan is possibly the strongest on record to make landfall. Meteorologists say the violent storm packed winds of up to 315kph. It is believed over 10,000 people perished in the city of Tacloban alone. Hundreds of thousands are now homeless after the typhoon flattened almost everything in its path. The New York Times reported there being "typhoon gridlock" as the destroyed infrastructure is making the logistics of distributing aid a nightmare. People are desperate for water. The Doctors Without Borders charity said: "Access is extremely difficult and is preventing people from receiving help." Christian Aid said: "The devastation here is unimaginable."

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1168357/typhoon-haiyan-aid-must-reach-victims-faster>
<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/14/world/asia/aid-groups-in-philippines-fear-more-devastation-has-yet-to-be-revealed.html?pagewanted=2&r=0>
<http://manilatimes.net/we-havent-seen-the-worst-yet/52887/>

WARM-UPS

1. AID: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about aid. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

United Nations / humanitarian / emergency / relief / dismal / desperate / priority / on record / landfall / violent storm / 315kph winds / flattened / logistics / devastation

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. RELIEF: What can you and the world do to help the people in the Philippines? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	You	The world
Water		
Clothing		
Food		
Moral support		
Medicine		
Accommodation		

4. EVACUATION: Students A **strongly** believe governments should evacuate entire cities / islands when a typhoon or hurricane is approaching; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. LOGISTICS: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most important for the Philippines at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- hospitals
- passable roads
- working airports
- electricity
- water treatment plants
- distribution of tents
- shops open for business
- police in control

6. SURVIVORS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "survivors". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131116-typhoon-haiyan.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. The UN humanitarian chief is not responsible for emergency relief. | T / F |
| b. The chief spoke to reporters in the devastated city of Tacloban. | T / F |
| c. The chief described the situation in the Philippines as "dismal". | T / F |
| d. The chief said delivering aid was the most important matter. | T / F |
| e. Winds in Typhoon Haiyan were as strong as 315kph. | T / F |
| f. The article says the typhoon flattened many paths. | T / F |
| g. Trying to distribute aid is giving people nightmares and bad dreams. | T / F |
| h. A charity said people couldn't imagine how much damage there is. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1. chief | a. weather forecasters |
| 2. urgent | b. prime concern |
| 3. dismal | c. knocked down |
| 4. priority | d. destruction |
| 5. hampered | e. miserable |
| 6. meteorologists | f. head |
| 7. perished | g. serious |
| 8. flattened | h. organization |
| 9. logistics | i. set back |
| 10. devastation | j. died |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. The United Nations | a. record to make landfall |
| 2. The situation | b. priority |
| 3. People are extremely | c. everything in its path |
| 4. Ensuring a faster delivery is our immediate | d. is dismal |
| 5. Early efforts at providing assistance | e. thousands |
| 6. Haiyan is possibly the strongest on | f. from receiving help |
| 7. Hundreds of | g. were hampered |
| 8. the typhoon flattened almost | h. desperate for help |
| 9. making the logistics of distributing aid | i. humanitarian chief |
| 10. preventing people | j. a nightmare |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131116-typhoon-haiyan.html>

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extremely
urgent
priority
humanitarian
assistance
survivors
hampered
dismal

Typhoon Haiyan is possibly the strongest on (9) _____ to make landfall. Meteorologists say the violent storm (10) _____ winds of up to 315kph. It is believed over 10,000 people (11) _____ in the city of Tacloban alone. Hundreds of thousands are now homeless after the typhoon (12) _____ almost everything in its path. The New York Times reported there being "typhoon (13) _____" as the destroyed infrastructure is making the logistics of distributing aid a (14) _____. People are (15) _____ for water. The Doctors Without Borders charity said: "Access is extremely difficult and is preventing people from receiving help." Christian Aid said: "The (16) _____ here is unimaginable."

nightmare
perished
devastation
record
flattened
desperate
gridlock
packed

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131116-typhoon-haiyan.html>

- 1) The United Nations humanitarian chief Valerie Amos has said aid is _____.
 - a. not reaching survives
 - b. not reaching survivors
 - c. not reaching survivals
 - d. not reaching survivor
- 2) Ms Amos is the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency _____.
 - a. Relief Coordinator
 - b. Relief Coordinators
 - c. Relief Coordination
 - d. Relief Coordinated
- 3) She said: "The situation _____".
 - a. is dismay
 - b. is this small
 - c. is dismally
 - d. is dismal
- 4) Ensuring a faster delivery is _____.
 - a. our immediate priorities
 - b. our immediate prioritise
 - c. our immediate priority
 - d. our immediate priory tie
- 5) Early efforts at providing assistance _____.
 - a. were hindered
 - b. were dampened
 - c. were thumped
 - d. were hampered
- 6) Typhoon Haiyan is possibly the strongest on record _____.
 - a. to make landfall
 - b. to take landfall
 - c. to bake landfall
 - d. to lake landfall
- 7) Meteorologists say the violent _____ of up to 315kph
 - a. storm picked winds
 - b. storm packed winds
 - c. storm pocked winds
 - d. storm pecked winds
- 8) Hundreds of thousands are now homeless after the _____ everything in its path
 - a. typhoon flattened almost
 - b. typhoon flatten and almost
 - c. typhoon flat ended almost
 - d. typhoon threatened almost
- 9) the destroyed infrastructure is making the logistics of distributing aid a nightmare
 - a. the logistics for
 - b. the logistics at
 - c. the logistics of
 - d. the logistics from
- 10) Christian Aid said: "The devastation here _____.
 - a. is an imaginable
 - b. is not imaginable
 - c. is non-imaginable
 - d. is unimaginable

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Typhoon Haiyan is possibly the (7) _____ make landfall. Meteorologists say the violent storm (8) _____ 315kph. It is believed over 10,000 people perished in the city of Tacloban alone. Hundreds (9) _____ homeless after the typhoon flattened almost everything in its path. The New York Times reported there being "typhoon gridlock" as the (10) _____ is making the logistics (11) _____ nightmare. People are desperate for water. The Doctors Without Borders charity said: "Access is extremely difficult and (12) _____ receiving help." Christian Aid said: "The devastation here is unimaginable."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131116-typhoon-haiyan.html>

1. Who did Ms Amos speak to in the Philippine capital?

2. What are many people trying to do?

3. What are survivors saying?

4. What is the immediate priority of Ms Amos' team?

5. What got in the way of early attempts to provide aid?

6. What were the fastest wind speeds measured in the typhoon?

7. What did the typhoon flatten?

8. How did the New York Times describe the situation?

9. What did Doctors Without Borders say was difficult?

10. What did the Christian Aid charity say about the devastation?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131116-typhoon-haiyan.html>

1. Who did Ms Amos speak to in the Philippine capital?
 - a) aid workers
 - b) survivors
 - c) the president of the Philippines
 - d) reporters
2. What are many people trying to do?
 - a) find their mobile phones
 - b) leave
 - c) repair farms
 - d) dig for water
3. What are survivors saying?
 - a) there are too many shops closed
 - b) another typhoon is coming
 - c) they need electricity
 - d) help is taking too long
4. What is the immediate priority of Ms Amos' team?
 - a) setting up a UN HQ
 - b) meeting aid agencies
 - c) delivering faster aid
 - d) meeting the people
5. What got in the way of early attempts to provide aid?
 - a) a lack of coordination
 - b) trees
 - c) red tape
 - d) bad weather
6. What were the fastest wind speeds measured in the typhoon?
 - a) 351kph
 - b) 153kph
 - c) 315kph
 - d) 531kph
7. What did the typhoon flatten?
 - a) everything in its path
 - b) wind speed records
 - c) mountains
 - d) the rain
8. How did the New York Times describe the situation?
 - a) as "a gridlock nightmare"
 - b) as "nightmare logistics"
 - c) as "typhoon gridlock"
 - d) as "typhoon infrastructure"
9. What did Doctors Without Borders say was difficult?
 - a) looking at the scene
 - b) access
 - c) conducting surgery
 - d) difficulties
10. What did the Christian Aid charity say about the devastation?
 - a) it is "unimaginable"
 - b) it is "unconscionable"
 - c) it is "unbelievable"
 - d) it is "unanswerable"

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Hospitals

You think the typhoon-hit areas need hospitals most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so high on the list of emergency needs. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): passable roads, electricity or law and order.

Role B – Passable roads

You think the typhoon-hit areas need passable roads most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so high on the list of emergency needs. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): hospitals, electricity or law and order.

Role C – Electricity

You think the typhoon-hit areas need electricity most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so high on the list of emergency needs. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): passable roads, hospitals or law and order.

Role D – Law and order

You think the typhoon-hit areas need law and order most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so high on the list of emergency needs. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): passable roads, electricity or hospitals.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131116-typhoon-haiyan.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'emergency' and 'relief'.

emergency	relief
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• chief• spoke• quickly• leave• arrive• weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• record• 315• path• logistics• access• unimaginable
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AID SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about aid in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

AID DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'typhoon'?
- c) What's the difference between a typhoon and a hurricane?
- d) What do you think of the aid efforts in the Philippines?
- e) Why is aid being delivered so slowly?
- f) Why do you think so many stayed in their homes when the typhoon came?
- g) What can you do to help those affected by the typhoon?
- h) Does the world act fast enough in natural disasters?
- i) Countries get ready for war quicker than for natural disasters. Why?
- j) What do you know about Typhoon Haiyan?

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AID DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Should the world have a definite plan to be in disaster areas within 24 hours?
- c) Do you think the city of Tacloban will ever recover?
- d) What's the best way people can prepare for a typhoon?
- e) How do people go about rebuilding their lives and towns?
- f) What should the whole world be doing now to help?
- g) What would you do if you knew a super typhoon was on its way?
- h) What should be done first after a typhoon has passed?
- i) How would you cope in such a catastrophic natural disaster?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a survivor?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Typhoon Haiyan is possibly the strongest (7) ____ record to make landfall. Meteorologists say the violent storm (8) ____ winds of up to 315kph. It is believed over 10,000 people perished in the city of Tacloban alone. Hundreds of thousands are now homeless after the typhoon (9) ____ almost everything in its path. The New York Times reported there being "typhoon gridlock" as the destroyed infrastructure is making the (10) ____ of distributing aid a nightmare. People are desperate for water. The Doctors Without Borders charity said: "Access is extremely difficult and is (11) ____ people from receiving help." Christian Aid said: "The devastation here is (12) _____."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) chief | (b) honcho | (c) bigwig | (d) big cheese |
| 2. | (a) urgently | (b) urgency | (c) urgent | (d) urged |
| 3. | (a) dismay | (b) dismantle | (c) dismal | (d) dismiss |
| 4. | (a) enabling | (b) ability | (c) capable | (d) able |
| 5. | (a) for | (b) by | (c) as | (d) at |
| 6. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) on | (d) as |
| 7. | (a) in | (b) to | (c) at | (d) on |
| 8. | (a) stored | (b) packed | (c) iced | (d) foraged |
| 9. | (a) harnessed | (b) lassoed | (c) flattened | (d) smoothed |
| 10. | (a) logs | (b) logistical | (c) logics | (d) logistics |
| 11. | (a) counteracting | (b) prohibiting | (c) forbidding | (d) preventing |
| 12. | (a) envisaging | (b) unimaginable | (c) conjuring up | (d) unassuming |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The United Nations tamrauinianh chief
2. not reaching rsrvvusio
3. People are extremely pareedets for help
4. nisnuger a faster delivery
5. our immediate tpiroyir
6. demeaphr by continuing bad weather

Paragraph 2

7. the strongest on record to make ldaflnal
8. tgstiosolrMoe say the violent storm...
9. over 10,000 people edsehrip
10. the typhoon ttaenefld almost everything in its path
11. the destroyed riusnerruatcft
12. The titadaoenvs here is unimaginable

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () winds of up to 315kph. It is believed over 10,000 people perished in the city of Tacloban alone. Hundreds of
- () Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. She spoke to reporters in Manila yesterday and explained how
- () have done so. Many more are trying. People are extremely desperate for help." She added: "We need to get
- () thousands are now homeless after the typhoon flattened almost everything in its path. The New York Times
- () from receiving help." Christian Aid said: "The devastation here is unimaginable."
- () Typhoon Haiyan is possibly the strongest on record to make landfall. Meteorologists say the violent storm packed
- () logistics of distributing aid a nightmare. People are desperate for water. The
- () Doctors Without Borders charity said: "Access is extremely difficult and is preventing people
- () urgent it was to act more quickly. She said: "The situation is dismal. Those who have been able to leave
- () reported there being "typhoon gridlock" as the destroyed infrastructure is making the
- (**1**) The United Nations humanitarian chief Valerie Amos has said aid is not reaching survivors
- () of Typhoon Haiyan quickly enough. Ms Amos is the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian
- () priority." Early efforts at providing assistance were hampered by continuing bad weather.
- () assistance to them now. They are already saying it has taken too long to arrive. Ensuring a faster delivery is our immediate

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. quickly is survivors Haiyan Aid reaching Typhoon not of.

2. was more Explained it act urgent to quickly how.

3. who able have Those been leave so have to done.

4. a our Ensuring is delivery priority faster immediate.

5. efforts hampered assistance at Early were providing.

6. the Typhoon strongest Haiyan on is record possibly.

7. to The packed up storm of 315kph violent winds.

8. typhoon its flattened path almost everything The in.

9. distributing Making aid the a logistics nightmare of.

10. " The devastation here is unimaginable ." Christian Aid said:

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131116-typhoon-haiyan.html>

The United Nations *humanitarian / humane* chief Valerie Amos has said aid is not reaching survivors of Typhoon Haiyan *quickly / speedy* enough. Ms Amos is the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. She spoke to reporters in Manila yesterday and explained how *urgency / urgent* it was to act more quickly. She said: "The situation is *dismal / dismay*. Those who have been able to leave have done *such / so*. Many more are trying. People are extremely *desperation / desperate* for help." She added: "We need to *make / get* assistance to them now. They are already saying it has *taken / being* too long to arrive. Ensuring a faster delivery is our immediate *prioritise / priority*." Early efforts at providing assistance were hampered *by / at* continuing bad weather.

Typhoon Haiyan is *possibly / possible* the strongest on record to make landfall. Meteorologists say the *violence / violent* storm *packed / packaged* winds of up to 315kph. It is *believed / belief* over 10,000 people perished in the city of Tacloban alone. Hundreds of thousands are now *homelessness / homeless* after the typhoon *flattened / smoothened* almost everything in its path. The New York Times reported there *being / been* "typhoon gridlock" as the destroyed infrastructure is making the *logical / logistics* of distributing aid a nightmare. People are desperate *for / of* water. The Doctors Without Borders charity said: "Access is extremely difficult and is preventing people *from / by* receiving help." Christian Aid said: "The devastation here is unimaginable."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ _n_t_d N_t__ns h_m_n_t_r__n ch__f V_l_r__ _m_s
h_s s__d __d _s n_t r__ch_ng s_rv_v_rs _f Typh__n
H__y_n q__ckly _n__gh. Ms _m_s _s th_ _N _nd_r-
S_cr_t_ry-G_n_r_l _f_r H_m_n_t_r__n _ff__rs _nd
_m_rg_ncy R_l__f C__rd_n_t_r. Sh_ sp_k_ t_r_p_r_t_rs
_n M_n_l_y_st_rd_y _nd _xpl__n_d h_w _rg_nt _t_w_s
t_ _ct_m_r_ q__ckly. Sh_ s__d: "Th_ s_t__t__n _s
d_sm_l. Th_s_ wh_ h_v_ b__n _bl_t_l__v_ h_v_d_n_
s_. M_ny m_r_ _r_ try_ng. P__pl_ _r_ _xtr_m_ly
d_sp_r_t_ _f_r h_lp." Sh_ _dd_d: "W_ n__d t_ g_t
_ss_st_nc_ t_ th_m n_w. Th_y_r_ _lr__dy s_y_ng _t
h_s t_k_n t__l_ng t_ _rr_v_. _ns_r_ng _f_st_r
d_l_v_ry _s __r _mm_d__t_ pr__r_ty." __rly _ff_rts _t
pr_v_d_ng _ss_st_nc_ w_r_ h_m_p_r_d by c_nt_n__ng
b_d w__th_r.

Typh__n H__y_n _s p_ss_bly th_ str_ng_st _n r_c_rd t_
m_k_ l_ndf_ll. M_t__r_l_g_sts s_y th_ v__l_nt st_rm
p_ck_d w_nds _f _p_t_ 315kph. _t _s b_l__v_d _v_r
10,000 p__pl_ p_r_sh_d _n th_ c_ty _f T_cl_b_n_l_n_.
H_ndr_ds _f th__s_nds _r_ n_w h_m_l_ss _ft_r th_
typh__n fl_tt_n_d _l_m_st _v_ryth_ng _n _ts p_th. Th_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131116-typhoon-haiyan.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Typhoon Haiyan. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. AID: Make a poster about aid. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TYPHOON HAIYAN: Write a magazine article about the difficulty of getting aid to those who need it in the Philippines. Include imaginary interviews with aid workers and survivors.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an aid expert. Ask him/her three questions about Typhoon Haiyan. Give him/her three ideas on how to get aid moving quicker. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d T e T f F g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1. chief | a. head |
| 2. urgent | b. serious |
| 3. dismal | c. miserable |
| 4. priority | d. prime concern |
| 5. hampered | e. set back |
| 6. meteorologists | f. weather forecasters |
| 7. perished | g. died |
| 8. flattened | h. knocked down |
| 9. logistics | i. organization |
| 10. devastation | j. destruction |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Reporters
2. Survive
3. Help is taking too long to arrive
4. Delivering aid faster
5. Bad weather
6. 315kph
7. Everything in its path
8. As "typhoon gridlock"
9. Access
10. It is unimaginable

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)