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Iceland has 18,000 earthquakes in a week

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THE ARTICLE

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It's a little hard to believe, but Iceland has experienced 18,000 earthquakes in the space of a week. Most of them have been too small to feel. The largest quake was on February 24 and was a magnitude 5.6. The seismic activity suggests that a volcano in the southwest of Iceland may be about to erupt. Volcanoes in southwestern Iceland have been dormant for over 800 years, but seismologists believe an eruption could be imminent. Iceland is a volcanic island and is used to the occasional tremor. However, swarms of quakes have unsettled residents in the capital city Reykjavik. Scientists say despite the large number of quakes, there has been very little damage.

Iceland is situated on top of the meeting of tectonic plates deep in the earth. Tectonic plates are pieces of Earth's crust around 100km thick on which Earth's land mass sits. The plates below Iceland are continually splitting apart and pushing North America and Eurasia away from each other at an infinitesimally slow rate. Living on a tectonic plate means seismic activity is inevitable. One Reykjavik resident spoke about his anxiety caused by the 18,000 recent quakes. He said: "I have experienced earthquakes before, but never so many in a row. It is very unusual to feel the Earth shake 24 hours a day for a whole week. It makes you feel very small and impotent against nature."

Sources: <https://nbc-2.com/news/national-world/2021/03/04/iceland-hit-with-17000-earthquakes-in-the-past-week-a-volcanic-eruption-could-be-near1/>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/04/world/europe/earthquakes-eruption-iceland.html>
<https://people.com/human-interest/iceland-18000-earthquakes-last-week-signaling-potential-eruption/>

WARM-UPS

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

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

hard / earthquakes / magnitude / volcano / eruption / imminent / residents / damage meeting / plates / land mass / rate / inevitable / anxiety / unusual / in a row / nature

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

3. VOLCANOES: Students A **strongly** believe volcanoes are more dangerous than earthquakes; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. GEOLOGICAL FEATURES: What do you know about these geological features? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | What I Know | What I Want to Know |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Volcanoes | | |
| Earthquakes | | |
| Deserts | | |
| Glaciers | | |
| Tsunamis | | |
| Caves | | |

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

6. NATURAL DISASTERS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most dangerous at the top at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Volcanoes
- Earthquakes
- Floods
- Sandstorms
- Tsunamis
- Wildfires
- Hurricanes
- Blizzards

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 1. magnitude | a. A series of similar-sized earthquakes occurring together, typically near a volcano. |
| 2. seismic | b. (of a volcano) become active and eject lava, ash, and gases. |
| 3. erupt | c. About to happen. |
| 4. dormant | d. The great size or extent of something. |
| 5. imminent | e. A slight earthquake. |
| 6. tremor | f. Relating to earthquakes or other vibrations of the earth and its crust. |
| 7. swarm | g. Having normal physical functions suspended or slowed down for a period of time. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| 8. tectonic | h. At an extremely small rate. |
| 9. crust | i. Certain to happen; unavoidable. |
| 10. land mass | j. Unable to take effective action; helpless or powerless. |
| 11. infinitesimally | k. The outermost layer of rock that covers a planet. |
| 12. inevitable | l. A person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis. |
| 13. resident | m. A continent or other large body of land. |
| 14. impotent | n. Relating to the structure of the earth's crust and the large-scale processes which take place within it. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210307-iceland-earthquakes.html>

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

- a. Most of the earthquakes in Iceland last week could be felt. **T / F**
- b. The largest of the earthquakes was 6.5 in magnitude. **T / F**
- c. Volcanoes in the northeast of Iceland are set to erupt. **T / F**
- d. The 18,000 earthquakes have caused very little damage. **T / F**
- e. Tectonic plates are about 100km thick. **T / F**
- f. Iceland is on a tectonic plate that is moving very quickly. **T / F**
- g. Swarms of earthquakes made residents of Iceland's capital city worry. **T / F**
- h. A Reykjavik resident said he felt impotent against nature. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. magnitude | a. inactive |
| 2. dormant | b. breaking |
| 3. imminent | c. destruction |
| 4. unsettled | d. consecutively |
| 5. damage | e. intensity |
| 6. situated | f. coming |
| 7. splitting | g. unavoidable |
| 8. inevitable | h. worry |
| 9. anxiety | i. unnerved |
| 10. in a row | j. located |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. It's a little hard | a. impotent |
| 2. 18,000 earthquakes in the space | b. of quakes |
| 3. seismic | c. plates deep in the earth |
| 4. seismologists believe an eruption | d. activity |
| 5. swarms | e. about his anxiety |
| 6. tectonic | f. to believe |
| 7. at an infinitesimally slow | g. a row |
| 8. One Reykjavik resident spoke | h. rate |
| 9. never so many in | i. of a week |
| 10. It makes you feel very small and | j. could be imminent |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210307-iceland-earthquakes.html>

It's a little hard to (1) _____, but Iceland has experienced 18,000 earthquakes in the space of a week. Most of them have been too small to (2) _____. The largest quake was on February 24 and was a magnitude 5.6. The (3) _____ activity suggests that a volcano in the southwest of Iceland may be about to (4) _____. Volcanoes in southwestern Iceland have been dormant for over 800 years, but seismologists believe an eruption could be (5) _____. Iceland is a volcanic island and is used to the (6) _____ tremor. However, swarms of quakes have unsettled (7) _____ in the capital city Reykjavik. Scientists say (8) _____ the large number of quakes, there has been very little damage.

seismic
occasional
believe
imminent
despite
feel
residents
erupt

Iceland is (9) _____ on top of the meeting of tectonic plates deep in the earth. Tectonic plates are pieces of Earth's (10) _____ around 100km thick on which Earth's land mass sits. The plates below Iceland are continually (11) _____ apart and pushing North America and Eurasia away from each other at an infinitesimally slow (12) _____. Living on a tectonic plate means seismic activity is (13) _____. One Reykjavik resident spoke about his (14) _____ caused by the 18,000 recent quakes. He said: "I have experienced earthquakes before, but never so many in a (15) _____. It is very unusual to feel the Earth shake 24 hours a day for a whole week. It makes you feel very small and (16) _____ against nature."

crust
anxiety
rate
situated
impotent
splitting
row
inevitable

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) but Iceland has experienced 18,000 earthquakes in the space _____
 - a. off a week
 - b. offer week
 - c. oft a week
 - d. of a week
- 2) seismic activity suggests that a volcano in the southwest of Iceland may be _____
 - a. about too erupt
 - b. about to erupt
 - c. about two erupt
 - d. about thru erupt
- 3) Iceland is a volcanic island and is used to the _____
 - a. occasionally tremor
 - b. occasional tremor
 - c. occasion all tremor
 - d. occasion a tremor
- 4) However, swarms of quakes have _____
 - a. unsettle residence
 - b. a settled residence
 - c. unsettle residents
 - d. unsettled residents
- 5) despite the large number of quakes, there has been _____
 - a. very little dam midge
 - b. very little damn age
 - c. very little damage
 - d. very little damn midge
- 6) Iceland is situated on top of the meeting of tectonic _____ the earth
 - a. plates deeply in
 - b. plates depth in
 - c. plates deeps in
 - d. plates deep in
- 7) pieces of Earth's crust around 100km thick on which Earth's _____
 - a. land mass sits
 - b. land mass its
 - c. land mass it's
 - d. land Mars sits
- 8) America and Eurasia away from each other at _____ slow rate
 - a. an infinitesimal ally
 - b. an infinite similarly
 - c. an infinite simile
 - d. an infinitesimally
- 9) Living on a tectonic plate means seismic _____
 - a. activities inevitable
 - b. active vista is inevitable
 - c. activity is inevitable
 - d. act nativity is inevitable
- 10) for a whole week. It makes you feel very _____
 - a. small and important
 - b. small and in potent
 - c. small and imp a tent
 - d. small and impotent

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Iceland is situated on top of the meeting of (7) _____ in the earth. Tectonic plates are pieces of (8) _____ 100km thick on which Earth's (9) _____. The plates below Iceland are continually splitting apart and pushing North America and Eurasia away from each other at an infinitesimally slow rate. Living on a tectonic plate means seismic (10) _____. One Reykjavik resident spoke about his anxiety caused by the 18,000 recent quakes. He said: "I have experienced earthquakes before, but never so many (11) _____. It is very unusual to feel the Earth shake 24 hours a day for a whole week. It makes you feel very small and (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210307-iceland-earthquakes.html>

1. How many of the 18,000 earthquakes were too small to feel?
2. What was the magnitude of the largest earthquake?
3. How long have volcanoes in southwest Iceland been dormant?
4. What is the collective noun for earthquakes or tremors?
5. How thick are tectonic plates?
6. What is being pushed away from North America?
7. What does the article say living on a tectonic plate means?
8. What did a Reykjavik resident feel about the 18,000 quakes?
9. What has the Reykjavik not experienced before?
10. What did the resident say he felt impotent against?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210307-iceland-earthquakes.html>

- 1) How many of the 18,000 earthquakes were too small to feel?
 - a) all of them
 - b) most of them
 - c) about half
 - d) a few dozen
- 2) What was the magnitude of the largest earthquake?
 - a) 6.5
 - b) 5.6
 - c) 6.6
 - d) 6.6
- 3) How long have volcanoes in southwest Iceland been dormant?
 - a) just under 800 years
 - b) about 800 years
 - c) exactly 800 years
 - d) over 800 years
- 4) What is the collective noun for earthquakes or tremors?
 - a) a flock
 - b) a swarm
 - c) a murder
 - d) a school
- 5) How thick are tectonic plates?
 - a) around 100km
 - b) 1,000km
 - c) between one and ten kilometres
 - d) about 500 metres
- 6) What is being pushed away from North America?
 - a) Eurasia
 - b) South America
 - c) the Arctic
 - d) Africa
- 7) What does the article say living on a tectonic plate means?
 - a) earthquake-proof houses
 - b) shifting sands
 - c) lava flows
 - d) seismic activity
- 8) What did a Reykjavik resident feel about the 18,000 quakes?
 - a) sadness
 - b) excitement
 - c) anxiety
 - d) shock
- 9) What has the Reykjavik resident not experienced before?
 - a) a volcano
 - b) anxiety
 - c) seismic activity
 - d) so many quakes in a row
- 10) What did the resident say he felt impotent against?
 - a) lava flows
 - b) nature
 - c) earthquakes
 - d) change

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Volcanoes

You think volcanoes are the most dangerous natural disasters. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their disasters. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): earthquakes, tsunamis or hurricanes.

Role B – Earthquakes

You think earthquakes are the most dangerous natural disasters. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their disasters. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): volcanoes, tsunamis or hurricanes.

Role C – Tsunamis

You think tsunamis are the most dangerous natural disasters. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their disasters. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): earthquakes, volcanoes or hurricanes.

Role D – Hurricanes

You think hurricanes are the most dangerous natural disasters. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their disasters. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): earthquakes, tsunamis or volcanoes.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210307-iceland-earthquakes.html>

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

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| earthquake | Earth |
|-------------------|--------------|

- 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">• believe• feel• erupt• imminent• swarms• damage | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• top• below• slow• means• row• nature |
|---|---|

EARTHQUAKES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Earthquakes 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.

EARTHQUAKES DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'earthquake'?
3. What do you know about earthquakes?
4. What do you think of earthquakes?
5. What do you know about Iceland?
6. Have you ever experienced an earthquake?
7. What should you do in an earthquake?
8. What do you know about volcanoes?
9. Would you move if you lived near a volcano?
10. Is a volcano or earthquake more dangerous?

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EARTHQUAKES DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Earth'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about the earth's crust?
15. What might Earth look like if the plates keep moving?
16. When was the last time you were anxious?
17. What would you do if there were earthquakes for a week?
18. What advice do you have for people in Iceland?
19. What do you think of the power of nature?
20. What questions would you like to ask a volcano expert?

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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Iceland is situated on top of the meeting of tectonic (7) _____ deep in the earth. Tectonic plates are pieces of Earth's crust around 100km thick on which Earth's land mass sits. The plates below Iceland are continually (8) _____ apart and pushing North America and Eurasia away from each other at an infinitesimally slow rate. Living on a tectonic plate means seismic activity is (9) _____. One Reykjavik resident spoke about his (10) _____ caused by the 18,000 recent quakes. He said: "I have experienced earthquakes before, but never so many in a (11) _____. It is very unusual to feel the Earth shake 24 hours a day for a whole week. It makes you feel very small and (12) _____ against nature."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) believe | (b) belief | (c) believer | (d) believes |
| 2. | (a) spatial | (b) species | (c) space | (d) spate |
| 3. | (a) multitude | (b) miniscule | (c) magnitude | (d) metabolic |
| 4. | (a) corrupt | (b) rapture | (c) disrupt | (d) erupt |
| 5. | (a) dominant | (b) diminutive | (c) dormant | (d) dismount |
| 6. | (a) forlorn | (b) unsettled | (c) faulted | (d) managed |
| 7. | (a) bowls | (b) plates | (c) dishes | (d) saucers |
| 8. | (a) sitting | (b) splitting | (c) splatting | (d) spotting |
| 9. | (a) frosty | (b) foldable | (c) inevitable | (d) utopian |
| 10. | (a) anxiolytic | (b) anxiously | (c) anxious | (d) anxiety |
| 11. | (a) mow | (b) bow | (c) low | (d) row |
| 12. | (a) redolent | (b) important | (c) encouragement | (d) impotent |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. seismic activity
2. rotund for over 800 years
3. an eruption could be imminent
4. swarm of quakes
5. rise in the capital city
6. exceeds the large number

Paragraph 2

7. tectonic plates
8. continually splitting apart
9. at an incredibly slow rate
10. activity is felt
11. caused by the 18,000 recent quakes
12. you feel very small and powerless

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210307-iceland-earthquakes.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () week. Most of them have been too small to feel. The largest quake was on February 24 and was a
- () resident spoke about his anxiety caused by the 18,000 recent quakes. He said: "I have experienced earthquakes
- (**1**) It's a little hard to believe, but Iceland has experienced 18,000 earthquakes in the space of a
- () pieces of Earth's crust around 100km thick on which Earth's land mass sits. The plates below Iceland are continually splitting
- () a day for a whole week. It makes you feel very small and impotent against nature."
- () tremor. However, swarms of quakes have unsettled residents in the capital city Reykjavik. Scientists
- () before, but never so many in a row. It is very unusual to feel the Earth shake 24 hours
- () magnitude 5.6. The seismic activity suggests that a volcano in the southwest of Iceland may be about
- () rate. Living on a tectonic plate means seismic activity is inevitable. One Reykjavik
- () to erupt. Volcanoes in southwestern Iceland have been dormant for over 800 years, but seismologists believe an
- () Iceland is situated on top of the meeting of tectonic plates deep in the earth. Tectonic plates are
- () eruption could be imminent. Iceland is a volcanic island and is used to the occasional
- () apart and pushing North America and Eurasia away from each other at an infinitesimally slow
- () say despite the large number of quakes, there has been very little damage.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. small to of them Most too feel . are
2. Iceland in A is volcano about to erupt .
3. believe an eruption Seismologists be could imminent .
4. of quakes unsettled Swarms in residents have the capital .
5. there Scientists been has say very little damage .
6. on situated Iceland top is tectonic of plates .
7. below The are Iceland plates continually splitting apart .
8. plates mean seismic Tectonic is activity inevitable .
9. caused His the by anxiety 18,000 recent quakes .
10. is unusual to feel the It Earth shake .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210307-iceland-earthquakes.html>

It's a little hard to *belief / believe*, but Iceland has experienced 18,000 earthquakes in the *spaces / space* of a week. Most of them have been too small to feel. The largest quake was on February 24 and was a *multitude / magnitude* 5.6. The seismic activity *suggestive / suggests* that a volcano in the southwest of Iceland may be about to *abrupt / erupt*. Volcanoes in southwestern Iceland have been *dormant / remnant* for over 800 years, but seismologists believe an eruption could *be / have* imminent. Iceland is a volcanic island and is used to the *occasionally / occasional* tremor. However, swarms of quakes have unsettled *residence / residents* in the capital city Reykjavik. Scientists say despite the large *number / numeral* of quakes, there has been very little damage.

Iceland is *situated / situation* on top of the meeting of tectonic plates *depth / deep* in the earth. Tectonic plates are pieces of Earth's crusty / crust around 100km thick on which Earth's land *massive / mass* sits. The plates below Iceland are continually splitting *apart / part* and pushing North America and Eurasia away from each other *on / at* an infinitesimally slow rate. Living on a tectonic plate means seismic activity is inevitable. One Reykjavik resident spoke about his anxiety caused *of / by* the 18,000 recent quakes. He said: "I have experienced earthquakes before, but never so many in a *row / low*. It is very unusual to feel the Earth shake 24 hours a day for a *wholly / whole* week. It makes you feel very small and *impotent / impotency* against nature."

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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_xp_r__nc_d 18,000 __rthq__k_s _n th_ sp_c_ _f _
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v_lc_n_ _n th_ s__thw_st _f _c_l_nd m_y b_ _b__t t_
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H_w_v_r, sw_rms _f q__k_s h_v_ _ns_ttl_d r_s_d_nts
n th c_p_t_l c_ty R_ykj_v_k. Sc__nt_sts s_y d_sp_t_
th_ l_rg_ n_mb_r _f q__k_s, th_r_ h_s b__n v_ry
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210307-iceland-earthquakes.html>

its a little hard to believe but iceland has experienced 18000 earthquakes in the space of a week most of them have been too small to feel the largest quake was on february 24 and was a magnitude 5.6 the seismic activity suggests that a volcano in the southwest of iceland may be about to erupt volcanoes in southwestern iceland have been dormant for over 800 years but seismologists believe an eruption could be imminent iceland is a volcanic island and is used to the occasional tremor however swarms of quakes have unsettled residents in the capital city reykjavik scientists say despite the large number of quakes there has been very little damage

iceland is situated on top of the meeting of tectonic plates deep in the earth tectonic plates are pieces of earths crust around 100km thick on which earths land mass sits the plates below iceland are continually splitting apart and pushing north america and eurasia away from each other at an infinitesimally slow rate living on a tectonic plate means seismic activity is inevitable one reykjavik resident spoke about his anxiety caused by the 18000 recent quakes he said i have experienced earthquakes before but never so many in a row it is very unusual to feel the earth shake 24 hours a day for a whole week it makes you feel very small and impotent against nature

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **earthquakes** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. RELOCATION: Write a magazine article about relocating people who live in earthquake-prone areas. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 expert on earthquakes. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to live with them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. f 3. b 4. g 5. c 6. e 7. a
8. n 9. k 10. m 11. h 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. e | 2. a | 3. f | 4. i | 5. c |
| 6. j | 7. b | 8. g | 9. h | 10. d |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Most of them
2. 5.6
3. Over 800 years
4. A swarm
5. Around 100km
6. Eurasia
7. Seismic activity
8. Anxiety
9. So many quakes in a row
10. Nature

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Most of them are too small to feel.
2. A volcano in Iceland is about to erupt.
3. Seismologists believe an eruption could be imminent.
4. Swarms of quakes have unsettled residents in the capital.
5. Scientists say there has been very little damage.
6. Iceland is situated on top of tectonic plates.
7. The plates below Iceland are continually splitting apart.
8. Tectonic plates mean seismic activity is inevitable.
9. His anxiety caused by the 18,000 recent quakes.
10. It is unusual to feel the Earth shake.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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