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Sisters reunited 30 years after Colombia avalanche

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THE READING

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An avalanche separated two sisters in Colombia 30 years ago but now they are back together. Jaqueline and Lorena Sanchez thought they had lost each other after a volcano erupted near their town of Armero. Lava melted nearby glaciers and caused four avalanches which killed over 20,000 people. Jaqueline, 33, and Lorena, 39, each thought the other was dead. Armero was the second deadliest volcanic disaster of the 20th century.

The sisters were adopted by different families. They never stopped looking for each other. They were reunited after their DNA tests matched. Lorena said: "It has been 30 years since the tragedy happened....I have to catch up with 30 years of her life and she has to do the same with me." Jaqueline said: "I'm nervous...because suddenly, you don't know if you are going to be rejected....I wonder if she will love me....It's difficult to explain this moment."

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. An avalanche separated | a. killed over 20,000 people |
| 2. now they are back | b. century |
| 3. a volcano erupted | c. together |
| 4. Lava melted nearby | d. near their town |
| 5. four avalanches which | e. two sisters |
| 6. each thought the other | f. disaster |
| 7. the second deadliest volcanic | g. was dead |
| 8. the 20th | h. glaciers |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The sisters were adopted | a. tests matched |
| 2. They never stopped looking | b. same with me |
| 3. They were reunited after their DNA | c. 30 years of her life |
| 4. It has been 30 years since | d. by different families |
| 5. I have to catch up with | e. to be rejected |
| 6. she has to do the | f. for each other |
| 7. you don't know if you are going | g. love me |
| 8. I wonder if she will | h. the tragedy happened |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An avalanche (1) _____ sisters in Colombia 30 years ago but now they (2) _____. Jaqueline and Lorena Sanchez thought they had lost (3) _____ a volcano erupted near their town of Armero. Lava melted (4) _____ and caused four avalanches which killed over 20,000 people. Jaqueline, 33, and Lorena, 39, (5) _____ other was dead. Armero was the second deadliest volcanic (6) _____ 20th century.

The sisters (7) _____ different families. They never stopped looking for each other. They were (8) _____ DNA tests matched. Lorena said: "It has been 30 years (9) _____ happened....I have (10) _____ 30 years of her life and she has to do (11) _____ me." Jaqueline said: "I'm nervous...because suddenly, you don't know if you are going to be rejected....I wonder if she will love me....It's difficult (12) _____ moment."

NATURAL DISASTERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about natural disasters 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

FREE WRITING

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