

Emergency junk food flown to earthquake town

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The residents of a town cut off by last week's New Zealand earthquake have received a somewhat unusual but welcome air delivery – enough fast food to feed a

small army. The mercy mission to the town of Kaikoura was organized by a plasterer from the town of Nelson 130 kilometres to the north. Robert Coombes, 49, spent three days gathering donations from people and bought as much fast food as he could with the cash. He filled a friend's light aircraft with 400 pieces of Kentucky Fried Chicken, 300 McDonald's burgers, 50 Domino's pizzas, and hundreds of candies. His cargo of tasty treats landed in Kaikoura in time for lunch on Friday. Kaikoura was the town worst hit by the magnitude 7.8 quake.

Mr Coombes explained to reporters that he wanted to "put a smile on people's faces, even if it's only for one day". He added: "There's necessities, but with kids you need a bit more than bread and water. I just thought I'd fill the plane with junk food and bring a little bit of happiness to the place.... It's just being a good human being." Coombes said the manager of KFC and McDonald's supported his idea and their staff started work two hours earlier to prepare the goodies. Main roads and rail links to Kaikoura have been severed by massive landslides. There have been well over 2,000 aftershocks since Monday and the government is warning that there are likely to be more.

Sources: bbc.com / nzherald.co.uk / stuff.co.nz

Writing

All human beings are basically good people. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

residents / earthquake / welcome / delivery / donations / cash / aircraft / lunch / reporters / necessities / bread / water / human being / goodies / landslides

True / False

- A small army delivered fast food to a New Zealand town. T / F
- The town hit by the earthquake is 130 north of a town called Nelson. T / F
- A man filled a plane with 500 pizzas for the earthquake survivors. T / F
- The fast food arrived in the town in time for lunch. T / F
- The organizer wanted to see himself smile. T / F
- The organizer said bread and water was not enough for the children. T / F
- McDonald's staff started work two hours earlier to prepare the food. T / F
- Kaikoura has had in excess of 2,000 aftershocks since the earthquake. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. residents | a. journalists |
| 2. somewhat | b. collecting |
| 3. mission | c. put together |
| 4. gathering | d. slightly |
| 5. treats | e. rather |
| 6. reporters | f. operation |
| 7. a bit | g. cut |
| 8. prepare | h. goodies |
| 9. severed | i. cautioning |
| 10. warning | j. inhabitants |

Discussion – Student A

- What have you smiled about today?
- Who is the nicest person you know?
- Are all human beings good?
- Why does junk food make us feel so good?
- How can we help people hit by earthquakes?
- How would your town survive if it was cut off?
- What advice do you have for the residents of Kaikoura?
- What questions would you like to ask Mr Coombes?

Phrase Match

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| 1. a somewhat unusual but welcome air | a. smile on people's faces |
| 2. enough fast food to | b. 7.8 quake |
| 3. gathering | c. to be more |
| 4. landed in Kaikoura in | d. over 2,000 aftershocks |
| 5. the town worst hit by the magnitude | e. delivery |
| 6. he wanted to put a | f. severed |
| 7. It's just being a good human | g. feed a small army |
| 8. rail links to Kaikoura have been | h. time for lunch |
| 9. There have been well | i. being |
| 10. there are likely | j. donations |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about earthquakes?
- What should you do when an earthquake starts?
- What do you think about what you read?
- Should government money mean people do not need to donate?
- How good an idea was the fast food delivery?
- What do you think the Kaikoura residents thought?
- What do you think of Mr Coombes?
- What's your favourite junk food, and why?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – Chocolate

You think chocolate is the best treat. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their treats. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): strawberries, fries or ice cream.

Role B – Strawberries

You think strawberries are the best treats. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their treats. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): chocolate, fries or ice cream.

Role C – Fries

You think fries are the best treats. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their treats. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): strawberries, chocolate or ice cream.

Role D – Ice Cream

You think ice cream is the best treat. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their treats. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): strawberries, fries or chocolate.

Speaking – Goodies

Rank these with your partner. Put the nicest goodies at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • chocolate | • strawberries |
| • Pringles | • pizza |
| • ice cream | • cream cake |
| • doughnut / donut | • fries |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.