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Level 4 – 7th March, 2021

Iceland has 18,000 earthquakes in a week

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Iceland had 18,000 earthquakes last week. Most were too small to feel. The largest was a magnitude 5.6. This activity suggests that a volcano in the southwest of Iceland may erupt soon. Volcanoes in this area have been dormant for 800 years. Iceland is a volcanic island and is used to tremors. However, the recent quakes have worried people in the capital city Reykjavik. Scientists say despite the large number of quakes, there has been little damage.

Iceland sits on top of 100km-thick plates that are deep in the earth. The plates below Iceland are moving apart and pushing North America and Eurasia away from each other. A Reykjavik resident spoke about his anxiety. 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 powerless 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/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Most were too small | a. of Iceland |
| 2. The largest was a | b. volcanic island |
| 3. a volcano in the southwest | c. damage |
| 4. dormant | d. people |
| 5. Iceland is a | e. of quakes |
| 6. recent quakes have worried | f. for 800 years |
| 7. despite the large number | g. to feel |
| 8. there has been little | h. magnitude 5.6 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Iceland sits on top of 100km- | a. before |
| 2. The plates below Iceland | b. small |
| 3. A Reykjavik resident spoke | c. are moving apart |
| 4. I have experienced earthquakes | d. nature |
| 5. so many | e. about his anxiety |
| 6. feel the Earth shake | f. in a row |
| 7. It makes you feel very | g. 24 hours a day |
| 8. powerless against | h. thick plates |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ . The largest was a magnitude 5.6. This

(2) _____ a volcano in the southwest of Iceland may

erupt soon. Volcanoes in this area have (3) _____ 800

years. Iceland is a volcanic island and is (4) _____ .

However, the (5) _____ worried people in the capital

city Reykjavik. Scientists say despite the large number of quakes, there has

(6) _____ .

Iceland (7) _____ of 100km-thick plates that are deep

in the earth. The plates below Iceland are moving

(8) _____ North America and Eurasia away from each

other. A Reykjavik resident spoke (9) _____ . He said: "I

have experienced earthquakes before, but never so many

(10) _____ . It is very unusual to feel the Earth shake 24

hours a day for (11) _____ . It makes you feel very

small and (12) _____ ."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **earthquakes** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
