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Level 0 – 20th January, 2022

Tonga trying to clean up after tsunami and volcano

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Tonga is cleaning up after the tsunami and volcano. The undersea volcano erupted on Saturday. It sent tsunami waves to Japan. It also destroyed large parts of Tonga. A lot of the cleanup work cannot start because of the ash. It buried buildings and is blocking many roads.

Tonga called the disasters a one-of-a-kind event. The volcano cut Tonga's Internet cable. Engineers are trying to fix this. It is difficult to get aid into the country because of damage to the airport. Tonga shut its borders in 2020 to keep COVID-19 out. It is worried that aid workers could bring a "tsunami of COVID-19" into the country.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2022/01/18/asia/tonga-volcano-tsunami-damage-intl-hnk/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Tonga is cleaning | a. can't start |
| 2. The undersea volcano erupted | b. waves to Japan |
| 3. It sent tsunami | c. ash |
| 4. It also destroyed large | d. on Saturday |
| 5. A lot of the cleanup work | e. roads |
| 6. because of the | f. up |
| 7. It buried | g. parts of Tonga |
| 8. blocking many | h. buildings |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a one-of-a-kind | a. into the country |
| 2. The volcano cut Tonga's Internet | b. this |
| 3. Engineers are | c. cable |
| 4. fix | d. into the country |
| 5. It is difficult to get aid | e. its borders |
| 6. damage to the | f. event |
| 7. Tonga shut | g. airport |
| 8. bring a tsunami of COVID-19 | h. trying |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220120-tonga-tsunami-0.html>

Tonga (1) _____ after the tsunami and volcano.

The undersea (2) _____ Saturday. It sent

(3) _____ Japan. It also destroyed

(4) _____ Tonga. A lot of (5) _____

cannot start because of the ash. It buried buildings

(6) _____ many roads.

Tonga called the (7) _____ -of-a-kind event. The

volcano cut Tonga's Internet cable. Engineers

(8) _____ fix this. It is difficult

(9) _____ into the country because of damage to

the airport. Tonga (10) _____ in 2020 to keep

COVID-19 out. It (11) _____ aid workers could

bring a "tsunami of COVID-19" (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TSUNAMI SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about tsunami 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) _____

