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**Level 3 – 20th January, 2022**

## **Tonga trying to clean up after tsunami and volcano**

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

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# THE ARTICLE

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

A cleanup operation has begun in Tonga after the island nation was hit by a tsunami and covered in volcanic ash at the weekend. The Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai undersea volcano erupted on Saturday. Experts believe it was the world's biggest volcanic eruption in over 30 years. It sent tsunami waves across the Pacific to Japan and the U.S. coast. It also destroyed large parts of Tonga. Islanders are now trying to restore services and normal life to the country. However, the ash is making this difficult. A lot of the rescue and recovery work cannot go ahead until the ash has been cleared. It has buried many buildings. It is also blocking many of the country's roads.

Tonga's government called the eruption from the volcano and the tsunami "unprecedented". It said the twin disasters have severely affected life on the island. There is no Internet because the only underwater cable connecting Tonga to the World Wide Web was cut by the eruption. Engineers are trying to restore full communications. It is also difficult to fly aid into the country because the airport is damaged. Tonga's government is worried that rescue efforts may bring COVID-19 into the country. Tonga shut its borders to international arrivals in 2020. It said it was "covid-free" before the tsunami. It now fears international aid workers could bring a "tsunami of COVID-19" into the country.

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<https://www.the-sun.com/news/4482496/shocking-before-after-satellite-photos-tonga-tsunamis-devastation/>  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/18/world/australia/tonga-volcano-covid.html>

# WARM-UPS

**1. TSUNAMI:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about tsunami. 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?

cleanup / operation / island / weekend / volcano / tsunami / normal life / ash / rescue government / disasters / Internet / communications / cable / aid / borders / fears

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

**3. AID:** Students A **strongly** believe every country in the world should send money to help Tonga; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. NATURAL DISASTERS:** What damage do these natural disasters cause? What's the best thing to do during them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Damage	Best Thing to Do
Volcano		
Tsunami		
Earthquake		
Flood		
Heat wave		
Hurricane / Typhoon		

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

**6. NECESSITIES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most necessary things in a natural disaster at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Internet
- Blankets
- Tents
- Medicine
- Radios
- Clothes
- Snacks
- Food

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 1. operation | a. Completely damaged.                                    |
| 2. covered   | b. Put back as it was before.                             |
| 3. eruption  | c. An organized activity involving a number of people.    |
| 4. destroyed | d. Put or hide under the ground; covered.                 |
| 5. restore   | e. Hidden underneath a layer of something.                |
| 6. rescue    | f. The action of a volcano forcing out ash, gas and lava. |
| 7. buried    | g. Save someone from a dangerous or difficult situation.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 8. unprecedented | h. Help.  |
| 9. severely      | i. Never done or known before.  |
| 10. cable        | j. In a great (bad) way.  |
| 11. border       | k. People coming into a country via its airports or sea ports, or across its borders. |
| 12. arrivals     | l. A line between two countries.  |
| 13. fears        | m. A thick wire rope to send electricity, Internet signals and phone calls.           |
| 14. aid          | n. Bad feelings and big worries caused by danger, pain, or harm.                      |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. The cleanup of Tonga hasn't started yet. **T / F**
2. Experts think the eruption was the biggest in over three decades. **T / F**
3. The tsunami destroyed parts of the U.S. coast. **T / F**
4. The cleanup operation is difficult because there's so much ash. **T / F**
5. Tonga said the twin disasters were unprecedented. **T / F**
6. The volcano's eruption cut Tonga's Internet cable. **T / F**
7. The airport in Tonga did not get damaged. **T / F**
8. Aid workers have brought Covid-19 into Tonga. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>begun</b>         | a. one-of-a-kind |
| 2. <b>experts</b>       | b. assistance    |
| 3. <b>destroyed</b>     | c. start         |
| 4. <b>difficult</b>     | d. specialists   |
| 5. <b>go ahead</b>      | e. badly         |
| 6. <b>unprecedented</b> | f. knocked down  |
| 7. <b>severely</b>      | g. closed        |
| 8. <b>worried</b>       | h. started       |
| 9. <b>shut</b>          | i. concerned     |
| 10. <b>aid</b>          | j. hard          |

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

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. A cleanup operation has             | a. communications     |
| 2. the island nation was hit           | b. go ahead           |
| 3. It sent tsunami waves               | c. affected life      |
| 4. the rescue and recovery work cannot | d. country's roads    |
| 5. blocking many of the                | e. borders            |
| 6. the twin disasters have severely    | f. across the Pacific |
| 7. trying to restore full              | g. workers            |
| 8. rescue                              | h. begun in Tonga     |
| 9. Tonga shut its                      | i. efforts            |
| 10. international aid                  | j. by a tsunami       |

# GAP FILL

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

A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ operation has begun in Tonga after the island nation was hit by a tsunami and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in volcanic ash at the weekend. The Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai undersea volcano erupted on Saturday. Experts (3) \_\_\_\_\_ it was the world's biggest volcanic (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in over 30 years. It sent tsunami waves across the Pacific to Japan and the U.S. (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It also destroyed large parts of Tonga. Islanders are now trying to restore services and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ life to the country. However, the ash is making this difficult. A lot of the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and recovery work cannot go ahead until the ash has been cleared. It has buried many buildings. It is also blocking many of the country's (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*eruption*  
*covered*  
*normal*  
*cleanup*  
*roads*  
*coast*  
*rescue*  
*believe*

Tonga's government called the eruption from the volcano and the tsunami "unprecedented". It said the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ disasters have severely affected life on the island. There is no Internet because the only underwater (10) \_\_\_\_\_ connecting Tonga to the World Wide Web was cut by the eruption. Engineers are trying to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ full communications. It is also difficult to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ aid into the country because the airport is damaged. Tonga's government is worried that rescue (13) \_\_\_\_\_ may bring COVID-19 into the country. Tonga shut its (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to international arrivals in 2020. It said it was "covid-free" before the tsunami. It now (15) \_\_\_\_\_ international aid workers could bring a "tsunami of COVID-19" (16) \_\_\_\_\_ the country.

*fly*  
*borders*  
*cable*  
*into*  
*twin*  
*fears*  
*efforts*  
*restore*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) the island nation was hit by a tsunami and covered \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in volcanic cash
  - b. in volcano cash
  - c. in volcanic ash
  - d. in Vulcan Nick cash
- 2) Experts believe it was the world's biggest \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. volcanic disruption
  - b. volcanic eruption
  - c. volcanic a ruction
  - d. volcanic ear ruction
- 3) It sent tsunami waves across the Pacific to Japan and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the U.S. coast
  - b. the U.S. boast
  - c. the U.S. toast
  - d. the U.S. ghost
- 4) A lot of the rescue and recovery work cannot go ahead until the ash \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. has been clear
  - b. has been clears
  - c. has been clearing
  - d. has been cleared
- 5) buried many buildings. It is also blocking many of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the country's road
  - b. the country's roadies
  - c. the country's roads
  - d. the country's Rhodes
- 6) Tonga's government called the eruption from the volcano and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the tsunami unprecedented
  - b. the tsunami under pretentious
  - c. the tsunami un-presented
  - d. the tsunami under-presented
- 7) It said the twin disasters have severely affected \_\_\_\_\_ island
  - a. life on the
  - b. live on the
  - c. lifetime on the
  - d. alive on the
- 8) There is no Internet because the only \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. underwater table
  - b. underwater cable
  - c. underwater cabal
  - d. underwater key ball
- 9) It is also difficult to fly aid into the country because the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. airport is damaged
  - b. airport is damage
  - c. airport is damages
  - d. airport is damage it
- 10) It now fears international aid workers could bring a tsunami of COVID-19 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. onto the country
  - b. as to the country
  - c. unto the country
  - d. into the country

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

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Tonga's government (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from the volcano and the tsunami "unprecedented". It said the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ severely affected life on the island. There is no Internet (9) \_\_\_\_\_ underwater cable connecting Tonga to the World Wide Web was cut by the eruption. Engineers are (10) \_\_\_\_\_ full communications. It is also difficult to fly aid into the country because the airport is damaged. Tonga's government is worried that rescue (11) \_\_\_\_\_ COVID-19 into the country. Tonga shut its borders to international arrivals in 2020. It said it was "covid-free" before the tsunami. It now fears international aid workers (12) \_\_\_\_\_ "tsunami of COVID-19" into the country.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What does the article say Tonga is covered in?
2. Where was the volcano that erupted?
3. Which two countries did the tsunami reach?
4. What are islanders now trying to restore?
5. What does the article say has been buried?
6. What did Tonga's government say about the twin disasters?
7. What did the eruption do to Tonga's Internet cable?
8. What are engineers trying to restore?
9. When did Tonga shut its borders
10. What does Tonga's government worry that aid workers might bring?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What does the article say Tonga is covered in?
  - a) lava
  - b) ash
  - c) rocks
  - d) water
- 2) Where was the volcano that erupted?
  - a) in the north
  - b) near the capital city
  - c) on an island
  - d) under the sea
- 3) Which two countries did the tsunami reach?
  - a) Japan and the USA
  - b) Fiji and New Zealand
  - c) Japan and Vanuatu
  - d) Vanuatu and Fiji
- 4) What are islanders now trying to restore?
  - a) artwork
  - b) furniture
  - c) services and normal life
  - d) their health
- 5) What does the article say has been buried?
  - a) the airport
  - b) many buildings
  - c) the Internet
  - d) beaches
- 6) What did Tonga's government say about the twin disasters?
  - a) unprecedented
  - b) tragic
  - c) sad
  - d) they will bounce back
- 7) What did the eruption do to Tonga's Internet cable?
  - a) encrypt it
  - b) melt it
  - c) cut it
  - d) threw it in the air
- 8) What are engineers trying to restore?
  - a) full communications
  - b) TV
  - c) the airport
  - d) radio signals
- 9) When did Tonga shut its borders?
  - a) in 2020
  - b) in 2019
  - c) in 2021
  - d) last week
- 10) What does Tonga's government worry that aid workers might bring?
  - a) animals
  - b) problems
  - c) questions
  - d) Covid-19

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Internet**

You think the Internet is the most important thing to have in a natural disaster. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): blankets are, tents are or medicine.

## **Role B – Blankets**

You think blankets are the most important things to have in a natural disaster. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): the Internet, tents are or medicine.

## **Role C – Tents**

You think tents are the most important things to have in a natural disaster. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): blankets are, the Internet or medicine.

## **Role D – Medicine**

You think medicine is the most important thing to have in a natural disaster. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): blankets are, tents are or the Internet.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

<b>volcano</b>	<b>tsunami</b>
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- 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"><li>• operation</li><li>• experts</li><li>• coast</li><li>• normal</li><li>• ahead</li><li>• roads</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• twin</li><li>• cable</li><li>• full</li><li>• worried</li><li>• borders</li><li>• aid</li></ul>
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# TSUNAMI SURVEY

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

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.

# TSUNAMI 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 'volcano'?
3. What do you know about this story?
4. What do you know about Tonga?
5. How can we help the people of Tonga?
6. What do you think of tsunami?
7. What should people do in a tsunami?
8. Have you ever experienced a natural disaster?
9. How would you cope if a natural disaster hit your town?
10. What advice do you have for people in Tonga?

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# TSUNAMI 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 'tsunami'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why are the disasters 'unprecedented'?
15. What would life be like with no Internet in a country?
16. Should aid workers go to Tonga?
17. Is Tonga right to worry about a covid-19 wave?
18. How long do you think it will take Tonga to recover?
19. What can you do to help the people of Tonga?
20. What questions would you like to ask Tonga's government?

## **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

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

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Tonga's government called the eruption from the volcano and the tsunami "unprecedented". It said the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ disasters have severely affected life on the island. There is no Internet because the only underwater (8) \_\_\_\_\_ connecting Tonga to the World Wide Web was cut by the eruption. Engineers are trying to restore (9) \_\_\_\_\_ communications. It is also difficult to fly aid into the country because the airport is damaged. Tonga's government is worried (10) \_\_\_\_\_ rescue efforts may bring COVID-19 into the country. Tonga shut its borders to international arrivals in 2020. It said it was "covid-(11) \_\_\_\_\_" before the tsunami. It now fears international (12) \_\_\_\_\_ workers could bring a "tsunami of COVID-19" into the country.

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

- |     |              |               |               |                |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) began    | (b) begun     | (c) beginning | (d) beginnings |
| 2.  | (a) at       | (b) on        | (c) of        | (d) in         |
| 3.  | (a) belief   | (b) believe   | (c) believers | (d) believing  |
| 4.  | (a) boast    | (b) roast     | (c) coast     | (d) toast      |
| 5.  | (a) making   | (b) doing     | (c) having    | (d) taking     |
| 6.  | (a) buried   | (b) shovelled | (c) layered   | (d) placed     |
| 7.  | (a) doubling | (b) duet      | (c) duo       | (d) twin       |
| 8.  | (a) cable    | (b) thread    | (c) wire      | (d) rope       |
| 9.  | (a) pull     | (b) full      | (c) bull      | (d) hull       |
| 10. | (a) what     | (b) which     | (c) that      | (d) however    |
| 11. | (a) freedom  | (b) freely    | (c) free      | (d) freeze     |
| 12. | (a) helpful  | (b) aid       | (c) assist    | (d) donate     |



# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. A cleanup pnoeiotra has begun
2. covered in oilaccvn ash
3. etedupr on Saturday
4. Islanders are now trying to torrsee services
5. the rescue and vecyerro work
6. ongilcbk many of the country's roads

## Paragraph 2

7. Tonga's evnrgmoent
8. the twin ssdietsra
9. eyvrseel affected life on the island
10. underwater acelb
11. Tonga shut its berrdos
12. international rsarliav

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) to Japan and the U.S. coast. It also destroyed large parts of Tonga. Islanders are now trying to restore
- ( ) at the weekend. The Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai undersea volcano erupted on Saturday. Experts believe it
- ( ) country. Tonga shut its borders to international arrivals in 2020. It said it was "covid-free" before the tsunami. It now fears
- ( ) connecting Tonga to the World Wide Web was cut by the eruption. Engineers are
- ( ) buried many buildings. It is also blocking many of the country's roads.
- ( ) trying to restore full communications. It is also difficult to fly aid into the country because the airport is
- ( ) disasters have severely affected life on the island. There is no Internet because the only underwater cable
- ( ) Tonga's government called the eruption from the volcano and the tsunami "unprecedented". It said the twin
- ( ) international aid workers could bring a "tsunami of COVID-19" into the country.
- ( ) damaged. Tonga's government is worried that rescue efforts may bring COVID-19 into the
- ( **1** ) A cleanup operation has begun in Tonga after the island nation was hit by a tsunami and covered in volcanic ash
- ( ) was the world's biggest volcanic eruption in over 30 years. It sent tsunami waves across the Pacific
- ( ) of the rescue and recovery work cannot go ahead until the ash has been cleared. It has
- ( ) services and normal life to the country. However, the ash is making this difficult. A lot

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. tsunami ash . covered in Hit by a and
2. across sent It Pacific . tsunami waves the
3. parts large also destroyed Tonga . of It
4. services . to Islanders are trying restore now
5. is of country's It roads . the many blocking
6. twin The have severely disasters life . affected
7. Tonga connecting The underwater cable cut . was only
8. fly difficult into aid to the It's country .
9. COVID-19 efforts Rescue bring may the country . into
10. COVID-19 . Aid workers bring could a of tsunami

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

A cleanup operation has *beginning / begun* in Tonga after the island nation was hit by a tsunami and covered *on / in* volcanic ash at the weekend. The Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai undersea volcano *erupted / eruption* on Saturday. Experts believe it was the world's biggest volcanic eruption in *over / more* 30 years. It sent tsunami waves across the Pacific to Japan and the U.S. *coastal / coast*. It also destroyed large *part / parts* of Tonga. Islanders are now trying to restore services and *normal / normality* life to the country. However, the ash is *making / made* this difficult. A lot of the rescue and recovery work cannot *come / go* ahead until the ash has been cleared. It has buried many buildings. It is also blocking many *of / to* the country's roads.

Tonga's government called the *erupt / eruption* from the volcano and the tsunami "unprecedented". It said the twin disasters have *severely / severe* affected life on the island. There is no Internet *but / because* the only underwater cable connecting Tonga to the World Wide Web was cut *at / by* the eruption. Engineers are *trying / tried* to restore full communications. It is also difficult to *fly / flight* aid into the country because the airport is damaged. Tonga's government is worried that rescue *effects / efforts* may bring COVID-19 *into / onto* the country. Tonga shut its borders to international arrivals in 2020. It said it was "covid-free" before the tsunami. It now *afraid / fears* international aid workers could bring a "tsunami *of / on* COVID-19" into the country.

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# 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. TONGA:** Make a poster about tonga. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. TSUNAMI:** Write a magazine article about all the world's countries giving money for tsunami defences in areas under risk of tsunami. 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 tsunami. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to protect against tsunami. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 F    4 T    5 T    6 T    7 F    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Ash
2. Under the sea
3. Japan and the USA
4. Services and normal life
5. Many buildings
6. Unprecedented
7. Cut it
8. Full communications
9. In 2020
10. Covid-19

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Hit by a tsunami and covered in ash.
2. It sent tsunami waves across the Pacific.
3. It also destroyed large parts of Tonga.
4. Islanders are now trying to restore services.
5. It is blocking many of the country's roads.
6. The twin disasters have severely affected life.
7. The only underwater cable connecting Tonga was cut.
8. It's difficult to fly aid into the country.
9. Rescue efforts may bring COVID-19 into the country.
10. Aid workers could bring a tsunami of COVID-19.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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