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Governments asking people to prep for emergencies

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THE ARTICLE

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European governments are asking people to prepare for emergencies by keeping enough food and water to survive for 72 hours. The UK, France, Ireland, and the Netherlands have provided information to encourage people to prepare for possible disasters. The UK's campaign has a simple name. It is called "Be Ready". It advises families to store bottled water, canned food, a wind-up radio, and sleeping bags. The advice is changing people's shopping habits. Sales of bottled water in the UK have risen by 67 per cent, while sales of canned food have increased by 37 per cent. A London shop owner said: "There is an uplift, 100 per cent." He said he is selling a lot of torches and camping cookers.

Governments are worried that events could stop people from getting things they need. These events include extreme weather, like heatwaves, storms, and wildfires. In addition, cyberattacks could affect supermarkets, electricity networks and other important services. Recently, cyberattacks on European supermarkets caused problems with refrigerators and freezers. Stores had to throw away large amounts of frozen and chilled food. Other events, such as computer system failures, could also stop people using the internet or accessing cash. The UK government said people should take "simple steps" to be ready. Governments believe preparing will help families stay safer in emergencies.

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WARM-UPS

1. EMERGENCIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about emergencies. 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?

> Europe / governments / emergencies / food / water / survival / disasters / torches / extreme weather / heatwaves / cyberattacks / supermarkets / freezers / stay safer

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

3. PREPPING: Students A **strongly** believe all of us should be preppers; Students B **strongly** believe that is not necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DISASTERS: What do people need to survive these disasters? What do you have? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What People Need	What I Have
Cyberattack		
Heatwave		
Hurricane		
Banking collapse		
Electricity blackout		
Food shortages		

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

6. BE READY: Rank these with your partner. Put the things you most need to "be ready" at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Bottled water
- Wind-up radio
- Chocolate
- Smartphone
- Sleeping bag
- Canned food
- Matches
- Torch

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	prepare	a.	Very bad events that cause a lot of damage or harm.
2.	survive	b.	To get ready for something that may happen.
3.	encourage	c.	To try to make someone do something or feel more confident about doing it.
4.	disasters	d.	Things that people do often or regularly.
5.	store	e.	Small lights that you can carry in your hand.
6.	habits	f.	To stay alive or continue to live.
7.	torches	g.	To keep something in a safe place until you need it.

Paragraph 2

8.	extreme	h.	Kept at a very low temperature, usually below zero.
9.	storms	i.	Money in the form of coins or paper, not a card.
10.	freezers	j.	Using something or getting the information or services you need.
11.	frozen	k.	Machines that keep food very cold.
12.	chilled	l.	Kept cold but not frozen.
13.	accessing	m.	Very strong or serious.
14.	cash	n.	Periods of very bad weather with strong winds and rain.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261126-prepping.html

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

1. Governments in Europe told people to keep a week's supply of food. **T / F**
2. The UK has a prepping campaign called "Be ready". **T / F**
3. Governments want people to buy a radio that you wind up. **T / F**
4. A London store has sold a lot of electric cookers. **T / F**
5. Governments are worried about events like storms and wildfires. **T / F**
6. A recent cyberattack targeted freezers in ice cream shops. **T / F**
7. The article says we may not be able to get cash in a disaster. **T / F**
8. The UK said we needed to take simple steps to stay safe. **T / F**

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

1. prepare	a. risen
2. habits	b. dangerous
3. store	c. think
4. increased	d. flashlights
5. torches	e. patterns
6. stop	f. difficulties
7. extreme	g. get ready
8. problems	h. easy
9. simple	i. keep
10. believe	j. prevent

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

1. food and water to	a. affect supermarkets
2. encourage people to prepare	b. lot of torches
3. The advice is changing people's	c. cash
4. sales of canned food have	d. they need
5. He said he is selling a	e. shopping habits
6. stop people from getting things	f. survive for 72 hours
7. extreme	g. and chilled food
8. cyberattacks could	h. increased by 37%
9. throw away large amounts of frozen	i. weather
10. accessing	j. for possible disasters

GAP FILL

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European governments are asking people to prepare for emergencies by (1) _____ enough food and water to survive for 72 hours. The UK, France, Ireland, and the Netherlands have (2) _____ information to encourage people to prepare for possible disasters. The UK's campaign has a (3) _____ name. It is called "Be Ready". It advises families to store (4) _____ water, canned food, a wind-up (5) _____, and sleeping bags. The advice is changing people's shopping habits. Sales of bottled water in the UK have (6) _____ by 67 per cent, while sales of canned food have increased by 37 per cent. A London shop (7) _____ said: "There is an uplift, 100 per cent." He said he is selling a lot of (8) _____ and camping cookers.

risen
keeping
simple
radio
torches
provided
owner
bottled

Governments are worried that events could stop people from (9) _____ things they need. These events include extreme weather, like heatwaves, (10) _____, and wildfires. In addition, cyberattacks could affect supermarkets, electricity networks and other (11) _____ services. Recently, cyberattacks on European supermarkets caused problems with refrigerators and (12) _____. Stores had to throw away large amounts of frozen and (13) _____ food. Other events, such as computer system (14) _____, could also stop people using the internet or accessing (15) _____. The UK government said people should take "simple steps" to be ready. Governments believe preparing will help families stay (16) _____ in emergencies.

storms
freezers
safer
getting
failures
important
cash
chilled

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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1) asking people to prepare for emergencies by keeping enough food and _____
   a. water to survives
   b. water to survived
   c. water to survival
   d. water to survive
2) provided information to encourage people to prepare _____
   a. for possible disasters
   b. for possible disastrous
   c. for possibly disasters
   d. four possible disasters
3) The advice is changing _____
   a. people's shopping habit
   b. people's shopping habitats
   c. people's shopping habits
   d. people's shopping habitual
4) while sales of canned food have _____
   a. increased bye 37%
   b. increased by 37%
   c. increased buy 37%
   d. increased byte 37%
5) He said he is selling a lot of torches _____
   a. and camping cookers
   b. and camping cooks
   c. and camping cookies
   d. and camping cookery
6) Governments are worried that events could stop people from getting _____
   a. things they kneed
   b. things they nerd
   c. things they need
   d. things they needy
7) storms, and wildfires. In addition, cyberattacks _____
   a. could effect supermarkets
   b. could affect supermarkets
   c. could infect supermarkets
   d. could reflect supermarkets
8) Stores had to throw away large amounts of frozen _____
   a. and chilly food
   b. and chilli food
   c. and chilled food
   d. and child food
9) computer system failures, could also stop people using the internet _____
   a. or access in cash
   b. or accessing cache
   c. or accessing cashless
   d. or accessing cash
10) Governments believe preparing will help families stay _____
   a. safety in emergencies
   b. safer on emergency
   c. safer in emergencies
   d. suffering emergencies

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261126-prepping.html

European governments are asking (1) _____ for emergencies by keeping enough food and (2) _____ for 72 hours. The UK, France, Ireland, and the Netherlands have provided information to encourage people to prepare for possible disasters. The UK's campaign has (3) _____. It is called "Be Ready". It advises families to (4) _____, canned food, a wind-up radio, and sleeping bags. The advice is changing people's shopping habits. Sales of bottled water in the UK (5) _____ 67 per cent, while sales of canned food have increased by 37 per cent. A London shop owner said: "There is an uplift, 100 per cent." He said he is (6) _____ of torches and camping cookers.

Governments are worried that events could stop people from getting things they need. These events (7) _____, like heatwaves, storms, and wildfires. In addition, cyberattacks could affect supermarkets, electricity networks (8) _____ services. Recently, cyberattacks on European supermarkets caused problems with refrigerators and freezers. Stores had to throw (9) _____ of frozen and chilled food. Other events, such as computer system failures, could also stop people using the internet (10) _____. The UK government said people should (11) _____ to be ready. Governments believe preparing will help families (12) _____ emergencies.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261126-prepping.html

1. For how long do governments want people to prepare in an emergency?

2. What have governments provided to encourage people to prepare?

3. What's the name of the UK's preparedness campaign?

4. What has increased by 67 per cent?

5. What is a London shop owner selling lots of besides torches?

6. What extreme events are governments worried about?

7. What did cyberattacks recently hit?

8. What kind of food did supermarkets have to throw away?

9. What might people not be able to access besides the internet?

10. What kinds of steps did the UK say people should take?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261126-prepping.html

1) For how long do governments want people to prepare in an emergency?
a) a week
b) 72 hours
c) 48 hours
d) several months

2) What have governments provided to encourage people to prepare?
a) free internet
b) water
c) food
d) information

3) What's the name of the UK's preparedness campaign?
a) Be Ready
b) Get Ready
c) Get Prepared
d) Be Prepared

4) What has increased by 67 per cent?
a) the sales of torches
b) the number of cyberattacks
c) UK sales of bottled water
d) the length of sleeping bags

5) What is a London shop owner selling lots of besides torches?
a) survival food
b) camping cookers
c) wind-up radios
d) guns

6) What extreme events are governments worried about?
a) banking collapses
b) solar flares
c) extreme weather
d) global food shortages

7) What did cyberattacks recently hit?
a) data centres
b) farms
c) ice cream stores
d) supermarkets

8) What kind of food did supermarkets have to throw away?
a) frozen and chilled food
b) ice cream and yoghurt
c) fruit and vegetables
d) pizzas and lasagne

9) What might people not be able to access besides the internet?
a) cash
b) medicines
c) GPS
d) information

10) What kinds of steps did the UK say people should take?
a) big steps
b) simple steps
c) first steps
d) giant steps

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Bottled Water

You think bottled water is the thing you need most in an emergency. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): chocolate, matches or smartphone.

Role B – Chocolate

You think chocolate is the thing you need most in an emergency. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): bottled water, matches or smartphone.

Role C – Matches

You think matches are the things you need most in an emergency. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): chocolate, bottled water or smartphone.

Role D – Smartphone

You think a smartphone is the thing you need most in an emergency. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): chocolate, matches or bottled water.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261126-prepping.html

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for… the words 'prepare' and 'emergency'.

prepare	**emergency**

- 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:

• asking • encourage • name • wind • sales • selling	• stop • affect • recently • failures • cash • stay

PREPPING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about prepping 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.

PREPPING 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 'prepare'?
3. What do you think of preparing for emergencies?
4. Have you ever had an emergency?
5. How good are you in an emergency?
6. What things do you need to survive for a week?
7. Why should people get a wind-up radio?
8. What survival skills do you have?
9. Should all children be taught survival skills?
10. What do you think of preppers?

PREPPING 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 'emergency'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How worried are you about extreme weather?
15. How worried are you about cyberattacks?
16. What would you do if there was no more food in the supermarkets?
17. How important is having cash in an emergency?
18. What disasters are you most worried about?
19. What will the world be like in ten years?
20. What questions would you like to ask a prepper?

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

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Governments are worried that events could stop people from (7) _____ things they need. These events include extreme weather, like heatwaves, storms, and wildfires. In addition, cyberattacks could (8) _____ supermarkets, electricity networks and other important services. Recently, cyberattacks (9) _____ European supermarkets caused problems with refrigerators and freezers. Stores had to throw (10) _____ large amounts of frozen and chilled food. Other events, such (11) _____ computer system failures, could also stop people using the internet or accessing cash. The UK government said people should take "simple steps" to be (12) _____. Governments believe preparing will help families stay safer in emergencies.

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

1.	(a)	asking	(b)	asked	(c)	asks	(d)	ask
2.	(a)	at	(b)	as	(c)	for	(d)	by
3.	(a)	as	(b)	for	(c)	at	(d)	on
4.	(a)	canning	(b)	can	(c)	cans	(d)	canned
5.	(a)	risen	(b)	rising	(c)	rose	(d)	arisen
6.	(a)	sells	(b)	selling	(c)	sold	(d)	sell
7.	(a)	get	(b)	got	(c)	gets	(d)	getting
8.	(a)	reflect	(b)	affect	(c)	infect	(d)	effect
9.	(a)	at	(b)	up	(c)	on	(d)	to
10.	(a)	weigh	(b)	weight	(c)	way	(d)	away
11.	(a)	was	(b)	is	(c)	has	(d)	as
12.	(a)	readied	(b)	ready	(c)	readily	(d)	already

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. enough food and water to eusrviv

2. prepare for possible desrstasi

3. people's shopping asihbt

4. otldtbe water

5. sales of dannce food

6. he is selling a lot of oethrsc

Paragraph 2

7. eretmxe weather

8. tbaktasrecyc could affect supermarkets

9. cyciltetrei networks

10. refrigerators and ezefersr

11. nozfer and chilled

12. computer system uleisfar

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

( ) and chilled food. Other events, such as computer system failures, could also stop people

( ) and other important services. Recently, cyberattacks on European supermarkets caused problems

( ) bags. The advice is changing people's shopping habits. Sales of bottled water in the UK have risen

( ) by 67 per cent, while sales of canned food have increased by 37 per cent. A London shop

(***1***) European governments are asking people to prepare for emergencies by keeping enough food and

( ) Governments are worried that events could stop people from getting things they need. These events include extreme

( ) information to encourage people to prepare for possible disasters. The UK's campaign has a simple

( ) name. It is called "Be Ready". It advises families to store bottled water, canned food, a wind-up radio, and sleeping

( ) owner said: "There is an uplift, 100 per cent." He said he is selling a lot of torches and camping cookers.

( ) steps" to be ready. Governments believe preparing will help families stay safer in emergencies.

( ) using the internet or accessing cash. The UK government said people should take "simple

( ) water to survive for 72 hours. The UK, France, Ireland, and the Netherlands have provided

( ) weather, like heatwaves, storms, and wildfires. In addition, cyberattacks could affect supermarkets, electricity networks

( ) with refrigerators and freezers. Stores had to throw away large amounts of frozen

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. are asking emergencies . for Governments people prepare to

2. 72 enough food for hours . Keep survive to

3. advises bottled families It store to water .

4. advice changing habits . is people's shopping The

5. He he is lots of said selling torches .

6. could Events from getting people stop things .

7. amounts away food . frozen large of Throw

8. accessing cash internet or people Stop the using

9. be People ready . should simple steps take to

10. emergencies . families help in Preparing safer stay will

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261126-prepping.html

European governments are *asked / asking* people to prepare for emergencies by *keeping / keep* enough food and water to survive for 72 hours. The UK, France, Ireland, and the Netherlands *has / have* provided information *for / to* encourage people to prepare for *possible / possibly* disasters. The UK's campaign has a simple name. It is called "Be Ready". It advises families to store bottled water, *can / canned* food, a wind-up radio, and sleeping *bags / bag*. The advice is changing people's shopping habits. Sales *at / of* bottled water in the UK have risen by 67 per cent, while sales of canned food have increased *by / of* 37 per cent. A London shop owner said: "There is an uplift, 100 per cent." He said he is selling a *lot / loads* of torches and camping cookers.

Governments are *worries / worried* that events could stop people from getting things they *needy / need*. These events include extreme weather, like heatwaves, storms, and wildfires. *In / On* addition, cyberattacks could affect supermarkets, electricity networks and other *important / importance* services. Recently, cyberattacks on European supermarkets caused problems with refrigerators and *freezes / freezers*. Stores had to throw away large amounts *to / of* frozen and chilled food. Other events, such *was / as* computer system failures, could also stop people *using / use* the internet or accessing cash. The UK government said people should take "simple steps" to *be / being* ready. Governments believe preparing will help families stay safer *on / in* emergencies.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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__r_p__n g_v_rnm_nts _r_ _sk_ng p__pl_ t_ pr_p_r_ f_r _m_rg_nc__s by k__p_ng _n__gh f__d _nd w_t_r t_ s_rv_v_ f_r 72 h__rs. Th_ _K, Fr_nc_, _r_l_nd, _nd th_ N_th_rl_nds h_v_ pr_v_d_d _nf_rm_t__n t_ _nc__r_g_ p__pl_ t_ pr_p_r_ f_r p_ss_bl_ d_s_st_rs. Th_ _K's c_mp__gn h_s _ s_mpl_ n_m_. _t _s c_ll_d "B_ R__dy". _t _dv_s_s f_m_l__s t_ st_r_ b_ttl_d w_t_r, c_nn_d f__d, _ w_nd-_p r_d__, _nd sl__p_ng b_gs. Th_ _dv_c_ _s ch_ng_ng p__pl_'s sh_pp_ng h_b_ts. S_l_s _f b_ttl_d w_t_r _n th_ _K h_v_ r_s_n by 67 p_r c_nt, wh_l_ s_l_s _f c_nn_d f__d h_v_ _ncr__s_d by 37 p_r c_nt. _ L_nd_n sh_p _wn_r s__d: "Th_r_ _s _n _pl_ft, 100 p_r c_nt." H_ s__d h_ _s s_ll_ng _ l_t _f t_rch_s _nd c_mp_ng c__k_rs.

G_v_rnm_nts _r_ w_rr__d th_t _v_nts c__ld st_p p__pl_ fr_m g_tt_ng th_ngs th_y n__d. Th_s_ _v_nts _ncl_d_ _xtr_m_ w__th_r, l_k_ h__tw_v_s, st_rms, _nd w_ldf_r_s. _n _dd_t__n, cyb_r_tt_cks c__ld _ff_ct s_p_rm_rk_ts, _l_ctr_c_ty n_tw_rks _nd _th_r _mp_rt_nt s_rv_c_s. R_c_ntly, cyb_r_tt_cks _n __r_p__n s_p_rm_rk_ts c__s_d pr_bl_ms w_th r_fr_g_r_t_rs _nd fr__z_rs. St_r_s h_d t_ thr_w _w_y l_rg_ _m__nts _f fr_z_n _nd ch_ll_d f__d. _th_r _v_nts, s_ch _s c_mp_t_r syst_m f__l_r_s, c__ld _ls_ st_p p__pl_ _s_ng th_ _nt_rn_t _r _cc_ss_ng c_sh. Th_ _K g_v_rnm_nt s__d p__pl_ sh__ld t_k_ "s_mpl_ st_ps" t_ b_ r__dy. G_v_rnm_nts b_l__v_ pr_p_r_ng w_ll h_lp f_m_l__s st_y s_f_r _n _m_rg_nc__s.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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european governments are asking people to prepare for emergencies by keeping enough food and water to survive for 72 hours the uk france ireland and the netherlands have provided information to encourage people to prepare for possible disasters the uk's campaign has a simple name it is called be ready it advises families to store bottled water canned food a wind up radio and sleeping bags the advice is changing peoples shopping habits sales of bottled water in the uk have risen by 67 per cent while sales of canned food have increased by 37 per cent a london shop owner said there is an uplift 100 per cent he said he is selling a lot of torches and camping cookers

governments are worried that events could stop people from getting things they need these events include extreme weather like heatwaves storms and wildfires in addition cyberattacks could affect supermarkets electricity networks and other important services recently cyberattacks on european supermarkets caused problems with refrigerators and freezers stores had to throw away large amounts of frozen and chilled food other events such as computer system failures could also stop people using the internet or accessing cash the uk government said people should take simple steps to be ready governments believe preparing will help families stay safer in emergencies

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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

ACADEMIC WRITING

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We all need to prepare for future emergencies. Discuss.

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. EMERGENCIES: Make a poster about emergencies. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PREPPING: Write a magazine article about the need for prepping for emergencies. 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 prepping. Ask him/her three questions about prepping. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. 72 hours
2. Information
3. Be Ready
4. UK sales of bottled water
5. Camping cookers
6. Extreme weather
7. Supermarkets
8. Frozen and chilled food?
9. Cash
10. Simple steps

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Governments are asking people to prepare for emergencies.
2. Keep enough food to survive for 72 hours.
3. It advises families to store bottled water.
4. The advice is changing people's shopping habits.
5. He said he is selling lots of torches.
6. Events could stop people from getting things.
7. Throw away large amounts of frozen food.
8. Stop people using the internet or accessing cash.
9. People should take simple steps to be ready.
10. Preparing will help families stay safer in emergencies.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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