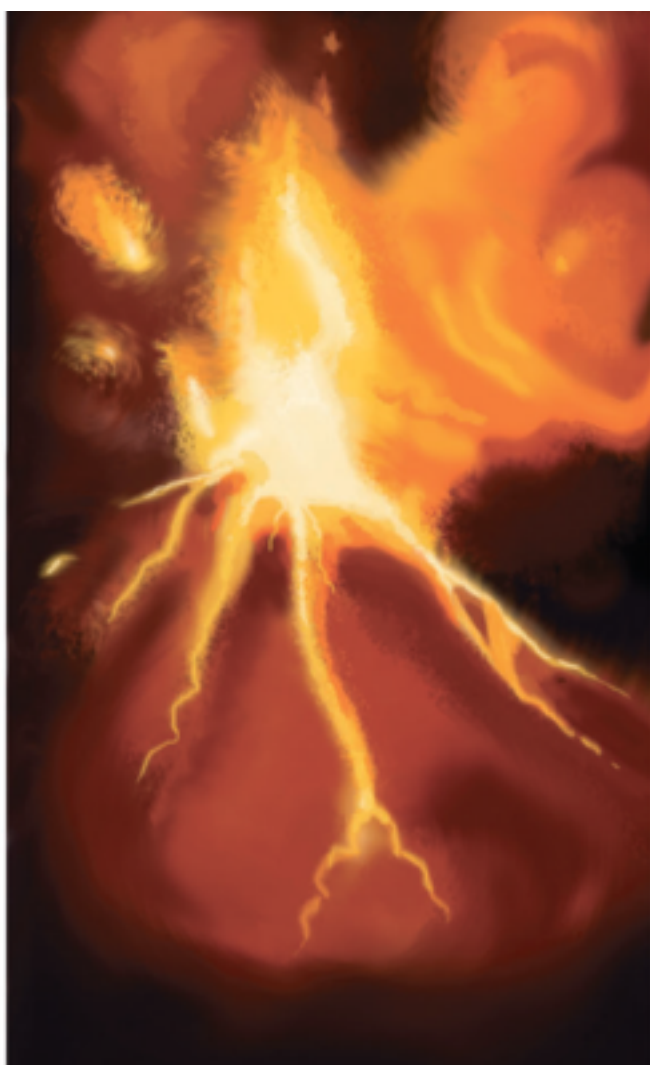
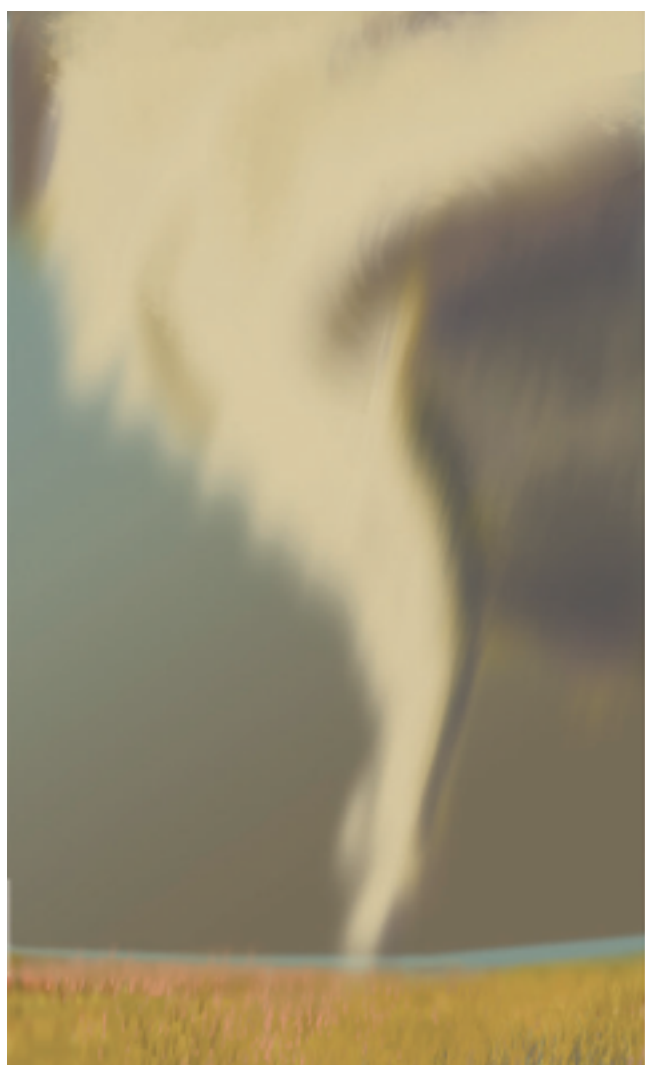


# Jesús' English Club & 3rd ESO NEWS



## SPECIAL ISSUE 3rd ESO & Natural Phenomena All Around

**PREPARATION** Choose one of the disasters and imagine that you are a survivor. Make notes to answer the questions.

- 1 Where were you?
- 2 What were you and other people doing?
- 3 What happened?
- 4 What did you do?
- 5 What were other people doing?
- 6 What did you do afterwards?
- 7 How did you feel afterwards?

**TASK** Write about your imaginary experience. Look again at the model text and use your ideas from the preparation exercise.

**STRUCTURE** to follow:

Paragraph 1: Before the incident  
**Last Sunday I was ...**

Paragraph 2: Description of the incident  
**Suddenly, ...**

Paragraph 3: After the incident  
**Afterwards ...**

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Use introductory particles (there was/there were). *Utilitzar les partícules introductòries (there was/there were).*
2. Revise simple past (regular and irregular verbs). *Revisar el passat (verbs regulars i irregulars).*
3. Learn to use past continuous. *Aprendre a utilitzar el past continuous.*
4. Compare past simple and past continuous.

*Comparar el past simple i el past continuous.*

5. Learn to use connectors. *Aprendre a utilitzar conectors temporals: while, suddenly, as, the next moment, when & afterwards.*
6. Write an imaginary experience. *Redactar una experiència imaginària.*

### STORMS



An atmospheric disturbance manifested in strong winds accompanied by rain, snow, or other precipitation and often by thunder and lightning. a fortified place.

### TSUNAMIS



A large, often destructive, sea wave produced by a submarine earthquake, subsidence, or volcanic eruption. Sometimes incorrectly called a tidal wave.

### EARTHQUAKES



A sudden movement of the earth's crust caused by the release of stress accumulated along geologic faults or by volcanic activity. Also called *seism, temblor*.

### VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS



The sudden occurrence of a violent discharge of steam and volcanic material. The ejection of molten rock, steam, etc., as from a volcano or geyser.



# Volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, hurricanes, storms, tornadoes, tsunami, waves, blizzard...

(Taken from <http://esa.act.gov.au/community-information/storms-and-floods/>)

**Storms** can happen anywhere, at any time of the year. They are more common in the ACT during the main period of increased storm activity from September to the end of February, but it's important to be prepared all year round.

Severe storms can cause major damage. They may be accompanied by torrential rain, strong winds, large

hailstones and lightning, which can cause flash flooding, unroof buildings and damage trees or power lines. Australia's greatest costs, in terms of insured losses, are caused by storms.

(Taken from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural\\_phenomenon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_phenomenon))

Various types of natural **phenomena** occur, including the following:

- Geological phenomena (volcanic activity and earthquakes);
- Meteorological phenomena (hurricanes, thunderstorms, and tornadoes);
- Oceanographic phenomena (tsunamis, ocean currents and breaking waves).

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Avalanches



Earthquakes



Floods



Hurricanes



Lightning



Tornadoes



Tsunamis



Volcanoes



Wildfires

Have a look at this site: <http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/natural-disasters/>.

Learn how rock, wind, ice, snow, raging storms, and Earth's inner fire have transformed the planet and life on it. Watch video from inside a tornado, create your own hurricane, and see photos of tsunami devastation.

## National Geographic: Natural Disasters

# A survivor's story

by Ainoa Ayan

Last year I went on holidays, with my family to Japan. One day we decided to take a trip to see the volcanoes erupting. We were not alone. There were more people with us. We were a group of 20 people and everyone wanted to see the magnificent volcanoes.

While the guide was telling the story of Ontake volcano suddenly we noticed that it was very hot. From a close distance you could see lava running with great force. People were screaming running, I was scared. I started running to avoid the lava. People did not know that was going from one side to the other trying to avoid the lava. Everything was destroyed, trees, plants and many animals died from the excess of heat that produced lava.

Afterwards I was OK, but my sister was in hospital a few days. My parents and I were OK and no one died. We were lucky. It was a horrible experience that I would not want to experience again.

Hurricane by Pau Ruiz

Three months ago, my friends and I went to Japan to see a special event about computer games. There were twenty thousand people in a waste ground. It was twelve o'clock and there was strong wind. Five minutes later, the wind, began to blow stronger, and it became a hurricane.

Then most of people found refuge in an emergency area which was near the waste ground. It was a dark place and there were a lot of people.

After two hours one person said the storm finished. Many people started shouting and running, but there were so many people who could not leave. After 1 hour everybody had left.

The next day, my friends and I took a plane and returned to Spain. That was a horrible experience, and for this, reason I will never return to Japan.



by Paula Rabinal



Last week I was doing a mathematics class with my schoolmates when I felt that things were moving all around the class. In a moment, I thought that it was happening because I was a little dizzy. At that moment, the lights at the secondary school went out.

Suddenly the building started moving from side to side; it was an earthquake, a natural phenomenon that never happened in my city before. The window panes were broken by the movement of the earth and objects on the tables were falling to the ground. We were in class with our teacher and we stood under the tables while we were waiting for the end of the earthquake. We heard many screams coming from the other classes; people didn't know what they had to do in that situation.

After the incident we all got up from the ground. The teacher asked us if we were ok. Nobody had been hurt. Then what we did was to run to the other classes to see how they our friends and school

I was watching my favourite TV program at home, when I heard a very big noise. I really didn't care about that noise because, I thought it was just something falling outside the building near my house. But five or ten seconds after, I heard that noise again. Now, I was really surprised. That noise scared me for a third time.

I was scared. Really scared. I looked out the window, to see where that noise came from. I saw people running away, and screaming everywhere. Then, I saw a big wave coming from the sea and I felt a horrible feeling, something burning inside me. Was it fear? I didn't know but my heart was beating really fast and something inside me was telling me: " go and help the people!". I started running. I didn't look back. I ran to the street and I tried to help other people, but everybody was screaming and there was panic. I just could help a man and his son. I took them to my house. My house was on a third floor so the water couldn't get there. I went to the window and saw the water covering everything. The fear took all my body, and froze it. I just didn't know what to do.



I calmed down when I saw nobody at the street hoping that everybody was in a safe place. Finally, everything was okay. In 5 hours, everybody could return to their houses, and in 9 hours, everything was like before the wave hit the ground. It was just a frightening experience.

by Marina Sánchez

# More survivors' stories!

by Martina Carrés

This morning I was in the gym with my friend. While we were stretching, people were doing sport in machines or in led classes.

Suddenly, the floor was shaking a lot and the lights went out. I was so afraid. People were shouting as some machines were falling down. I didn't know what it was happening. The next moment there was panic when someone shouted "It's an earthquake!". People didn't know what they had to do and were staying in the same place.

Afterwards my friend and I were OK but four people were injured because machines fell. I felt so lucky to see my friend and I were alive.

by Gisela Xandri

Two weeks ago I was doing my homework with my best friend in the living room and it was raining a lot. We closed all the windows and we were watching how the water level was rising outside in the streets. While Paula and I were continuing our homework we were very scared, because the water was dragging cars in the street and other objects.

The water was very high and in that

moment there was panic. A few minutes later there was a lightning. We tried to call some people but we couldn't because there wasn't any phone connection or electricity. We were looking for something until we went to the kitchen and we lit a candle.



by Emma Quintana

Last Monday, I was playing the piano with my teacher at the music school. That day we were staying in the class when the floor started moving. The scores and the instruments in the class were falling. At that moment we didn't see anything else.

Suddenly, people were running everywhere. People were screaming a lot. I could hear the people who was crying out in the city streets. The city seemed the "Ghost Town".

Afterwards. I wasn't very well because I had some injuries but my teacher was ok. It was a terrible experience and when we went back to our houses we were feeling relaxed. That Monday was the worst day in my life.



by Aida Herrera

I was terrified when it happened. "What is it?" will you think. Let me explain:

Last Sunday I was studying English in my bedroom when suddenly the sky turned literally black. I felt worried and I woke up from my chair to see the windows. When I saw the sky completely black I felt very, very frightened.

Suddenly, I saw a lightning and a blizzard.

The next moment the windows of my bedroom were opened. A cold air slipped into the room. I wore a sweater and I went to look for Dad or Mum as on the TV there was a bad news about the weather. I saw something like a tornado near me and I didn't find my parents in the house. I was crying for an hour

in the basement and, finally, I fell asleep.

The next day I woke up at ten o'clock and I couldn't find my house nor my parents. I couldn't find anything. Only ruins. It was snowing and I felt alone and cold. I couldn't find anybody for the rest of the day. I was the only survivor.



## by Rubén Márquez

It was Sunday morning and my father was happy. He thought the whole family needed to do something together. After ten minutes thinking, he said that we could go to the beach and have a picnic. The idea was great and we decided to go to the beach. Mum prepared the food and we left the house. When we arrived at the beach, we saw that nobody was on the beach. It was so strange, but we took our bags and we searched for a place to sit and eat. While we were eating my father saw a very unusual thing coming from the sea. My father asked us what that thing was. After some seconds thinking, my mum suddenly screamed: It's a tsunami! Run! We took our things from the sand and we ran to the car as fast as possible. When we got to the car, we saw the big wave was going to fall onto our car. The wave fell and it dragged us 1 kilometer away. When we left the car, we were crying but celebrating that we were alive after that catastrophe. The worst experience of my life.

## by Joel Calvet

Last year I was visiting Hawaii with my brother and my father. On the second day we were visiting a volcano when a rock hit a tourist foot. I ran with my family.

Suddenly, the volcano erupted and people started to scream. I protected my family and we ran. I was very frightened. Everybody was running.

Afterwards, I was OK, but one tourist died. My father was OK, but my brother broke his foot. The next day we were relaxed in a beach.

## by Sergio Rodríguez



On Saturday I was in Mexico eating in a restaurant with some friends.

We suddenly saw a tornado coming towards us at a high speed. I started to run and my friends did the same thing. We thought we would die. We turned our heads and saw that it was on the other side.

Afterwards we called our family and friends to check if they were all OK. They were all fine and I felt really relieved.

## by Clara Estruch

Last Christmas holiday, my friends and I went to the mountain for a couple of weeks. We stayed in a little wooden house. We were all really excited and a little nervous, because we were going to be alone there. On Tuesday on the second week we were out of the house playing with snow because it had been snowing the night before and everything was white. We were having a really great time but suddenly we heard a big noise coming from the top of the mountain which wasn't far from us.



We looked at up, and we saw a big amount of snow coming really fast towards us. I heard my friends shouting and I was so frightened. Our first reaction was going into the bungalow and we all started running but the snow was too fast. I didn't know what my friends were doing but I just had time to approach to the little house with the hope that the avalanche will pass next to me. It did but not far enough. Suddenly, I felt a high power pulling me around. When it stopped, I didn't know where I was. I was completely disoriented. I didn't know where the ground was and where the sky because it was all white around me. I remembered that when you don't know where the ground is, you have to spit, and the direction the spit falls is obviously where the ground is. I did it and luckily it didn't fall on my head. I started digging to the opposite direction. I was so tired and scared but I realized I had to do something because if not, no one could find me. It was hard but when I finally saw a little piece of blue above me, I felt a big peace inside me. I don't know how much time passed but finally the rescue services came and saw my hand on the snow so they helped me. I was completely in shock but they told me that my friends were fine and I felt so much better.

## by Joel Subirà

Last year I was on holiday with my best friend in Hawaii. We were at a hotel and we were swimming in the swimming pool. The hotel was near the beach.

Suddenly a big tsunami approached, I was under the water but my friend was running with other people. When I got out of the water everything was destroyed. I shouted and called my friend but nobody answered. I walked for 30 minutes when I saw a hospital. Many people died and when I saw my friend, he was dead. I cried and shouted his name.

The next day, a helicopter came to look for some survivors. I got on the helicopter. The helicopter flew to Barcelona, my town. I felt sad because my best friend died in this tsunami. I was a survivor.

by Pol Sánchez

*It was a strange morning. We were on holidays in Indonesia and I was not ok, I had fever and I decided to stay in my bed. My father was drinking a juice and my brothers were in the pool. Two hours later I was so much better I went down to the pool to play with my brothers.*



*We were playing a water polo match and then my father jumped to the pool and we were playing for some time. During the day we were visiting the town. It was fantastic! We ate an ice cream and then we went to the cinema. At night we ate at the hotel restaurant. During the dinner we watched all the birds which were flying in to the island. Five seconds later we saw an enormous tsunami sweeping the hotel. We got up and ran to rescue the people who were outside of the restaurant. Finally we were all ok. We were lucky because this tsunami killed more than 100,000 people. But we survived.*

by Isaac Sola

Last year, I played football in Mollet Football Team. One day, my father was driving me to the training when there was a dangerous storm. Lots of thunders were falling from the sky. I was very scared because I never liked thunders. When we got to the football ground, we saw that part of the facilities were destroyed. I asked the coach if you we had to train and he said yes.



When we were talking about our last match when thunders began to fall again outside. We finished the conversation and we went outside to the training camp. We were the only team training. There were lots of thunders for 10 minutes and the coach told us to go home. Coming back to Cardedeu we saw a huge blue thunders which fell very close to our car.

In the end no one was hurt, but it was a very frightening experience.



by Pol Gumà

As a normal day in August we were going to the beach to play volleyball. It was a sunny day. Everyone who was on the beach was happy and relaxed. I was playing volleyball when the floor started to shake.

I was very afraid when the floor started to shake and I started to run to the parking lot with my father. Then we thought of going towards the mountain which was 15Km away. We were afraid an earthquake could cause a tsunami and running towards the mountain could save us. A lot of people were following us.

We saw a very big wave which was coming towards us. We got into the car before the tsunami arrived so the car could protect us. But the tsunami didn't arrive to the mountain and 45 minutes later we returned to the beach to see the disaster that it caused.

by David Delgado

Last summer I went to the Canary Islands with all my family. We were there for some days. Everything was fine until we saw the news on the television at the hotel. It was when the problems started: on the weather channel the weather forecast was not normal.

We went outside the hotel and suddenly we saw some cracks on the ground and we realized that it was an earthquake! Everything around us was crashed: cars, buildings, roads... People were running and were frightened to find a safe place. We were laying on the road and we thought that in these circumstances it was the best thing we could do. We were worried until everything finished. Lot of ambulances and firemen came to help the injured people.

After this we decided to go straight to the airport and take the first flight to Barcelona. I felt lucky because we were all alive.

by Jan Ot Piña

It was in June 2014. We were on holidays and I went with my father to an old gold mine in Bolivia. We were six people: the guide, an Australian couple with their son, and my father and I.



Suddenly an earthquake moved all the place and the next moment my father and I were alone. The guide and the family were on the other side of a rocks landslide. We searched a hole in the rocks wall and finally found a little hole to speak to the others and make them guide us to the exterior.

Afterwards nobody was injured but it was a frightening experience. When we went out, we were very relieved and very happy to be alive.





by Adrià Vinyals

Last year I went to Hawaii with my father. On the plane there were many people reading magazines and newspapers but I was sleeping like my father. Suddenly the plane started moving a lot and everyone was very frightened. Other passengers and I saw a tornado through the window. The other passengers who were watching the tornado started to tell people what was happening. Suddenly the plane broke in half and everything was on fire and I got to hold on to my father. There was an emergency landing. When I woke up I was by my father's side and I had a big headache. After a while my father woke up and I asked him how we had survived. He told me he did not know. After two hours a helicopter found us and took us home.

by Arlet Mateo

Last year, I was having a summer holiday in Berlin. The trip was perfect when suddenly something terrifying happened. Behind us there was a tornado. My family and I ran to the hotel, but we thought that the hotel was too far.

Then we thought we could take refuge in a friend's house. We started to run northwards. But my sister fell down. She broke her leg and the tornado was getting closer. My father shouted: "Stand Up! The tornado is here!". My sister was afraid. I was running with my mum. We were further than my father and sister. The tornado was 2 kilometers from us. We arrived to our friends' home but they weren't in their house. We were very scared. A car stopped near us. A man told us: "Get into the car! Just come with me and you will be OK!" We didn't get into the car and kept walking. The man was following us. At that moment, my father shouted: "Stop, please! We don't want to have more problems". The man was angry because he wanted to help. The tornado was near.

Finally, we got into the man's car. The man started driving and took us to the outskirts of Berlin. We arrived to a small town near Berlin. Some specialists informed us that the tornado had stopped. We were very pleased and ready to return to Cardedeu.



by Alba Capdevila

Last year, I was in my house having fun with some friends. We were watching our favourite film, Fast and Furious 4.

Suddenly, while we were watching the film, I heard a noise which came from the kitchen. I went there, and I saw that all the kitchen was flooded with snow and the roof was broken. I told my friends that a huge hailstone broke my roof and that I had to phone the police to rescue us. They started to scream. And they were very frightened. I phoned the police and I explained everything.

The police came after 10 minutes and rescued us. When I was on the street I felt so relieved. I phoned my parents, told them everything. We were OK!



by Aina Pocurull

We were spending our holidays in Hokkaido an island from Japan with my family. We decided to go to the cinema to watch a new film. The big catastrophe occurred there.

We were buying tickets to watch the film when I felt a vibration beneath my feet. But it was not a sensation, because the ground vibrated with increasing intensity. I grabbed my brother who was crying and I ran with him on my shoulders. Everybody was shouting and there was no order. I had left my family behind. "Go back, Aina" I thought. "I cannot" a voice was contradicting my thoughts. I turned around, to go and look for them, and suddenly, a piece of debris fell in front of me and my brother. He was crying endlessly. The contradictory voice won. I couldn't go back. I ran as fast as I could towards the gate. It was the longest distance which I had ever done.

When I was outside the cinema, I hugged my brother, and I tried to find my family. I asked for them but nobody understood me. After 15 minutes I found my sister and my parents. They were also looking for us and I shouted of joy. They had gone out through another gate! My anguish left quickly.

by Àlex Marin

Six months ago I was in Iceland with my girlfriend, Anna. We were visiting a very famous volcano which had erupted in 2010. We were really happy because we were alone in a very big place where there was nothing, only the two of us.

Suddenly, the ground started to shake very strong and we saw ash coming from the earth. We were really afraid and then we ran out from there to escape. Five minutes later it started to throw lava and big rocks from the earth. During fifteen minutes we didn't stop running because we knew that if we stopped we would die.

Afterwards we arrived to the coast and there were some ships and one man said "run, run and go up quickly, we need to leave if we don't want to die". This ship left us in Denmark when we felt really safe and we could relax.

# Natural Disasters

by Júlia Raventós

That year for my summer holidays, my family and a friend's family decided to go somewhere together. We chose Mexico because it's an exotic place and nobody had been there before. We were all very excited because of the travel. My friend and I were responsible for preparing all the trips, like excursions, visits, museums, etc.

We took the airplane on Monday and we stayed on the plane for eleven hours. When we finally arrived in Mexico, we let the suitcases at the hotel, and while all the adults and the children went to the beach, my friend and I decided to go to a street market. We were looking at craft objects, when suddenly the ground started to shake. Everybody was running away and people were very scared and there was panic. My friend and I found a covered place and we stayed there. We contemplated everything horrified. The earthquake lasted for ten minutes, and afterwards, everything was destroyed.

My friend and I walked back to the hotel, and as we didn't have a phone and we waited there. We were still very scared, and we felt very lucky for being alive. Finally our parents arrived in the hotel, and we all felt very happy and lucky to be alive. My brother was injured, but in a little time, he recovered.

by Marc Pasquet

Last summer, I went with my family to a hotel in Calella. There were amazing things and activities: I played in the sand, I swam in the sea and I went fishing. At one moment, we were walking near the security wall.

Suddenly, a very big shake hit the coast and everything fell down. We didn't know anything and my father and I climbed the security wall and we saw the horror: a massive wave was moving towards us. The next moment, there was panic. We were frightened. When the wave hit us, there was a lot of noise, but I didn't move. My father took my arm and he held me! My family were on top of the wall!

Afterwards we were OK, but my arm was broken. It was a terrible experience, and when we arrived to Cardedeu the following day, I felt bad and I cried a lot.

by Marta Garcia

Last summer I took a sailing course in Barcelona. One day my group was on a sailing boat racing with 6 other boats. One of the girls in my group took the boat wheel although she didn't know how it worked. The big waves that day were like little tsunamis. Then the boat started to spin and we kept going from one side of the boat to the other until the boat turned over and we fell into the water.

We were very scared because we had seen a big brown jellyfish next to us. We started to shout and tried to put the boat upwards but we couldn't. The instructors heard us and came to rescue us.

Finally we were safe and no jellyfish bit us.

by Marta Martín

Last month I was on holiday in NYC. It was supposed to be the trip of my dreams but it wasn't it at all. The day of the earthquake I was really happy. I went shopping, I had lunch in a really good restaurant called "The Monkey Bar", I visited the Empire State and finally I went back to the hotel. I left all the things I bought in my room and after this I went to the dining room to have dinner.

I was having dinner when suddenly I felt something strange. The waiters told everyone to keep calm. They started talking and made a decision: everyone had to go under the table. The floor started shaking more and more, but nobody moved. We were all frightened. Finally, the floor stopped moving and it was quiet again. Everybody left their places under the table. When we saw little parts of the walls on the floor we were shocked. We didn't think it was so hard.

Afterwards all the people there were happy for being alive so we opened a champagne bottle and we celebrated

by Sandra Blesa

It happened 5 years ago, approximately. My parents and my 3 brothers were at home. All of us were starving. Our day had been very tiring and intense. It had been our last day together, but none of us knew it.

I was watching a TV programme to kill time. One of my brothers was doing his homework upstairs while the other two were playing a table game with my mother. My father was in the kitchen making dinner. Suddenly the television started going wrong. The image wasn't clear and quickly the television stopped working. I thought that it was because of a smooth rain, but I was wrong, really wrong. A powerful wind was hitting our house strongly. And it happened too quickly. My mother was screaming and my little brother was crying a lot. And my father... My father was hit with a closet that the powerful tornado laid. The window glass broke. The tornado was striking the walls and suddenly I was alone. I didn't know where my family went. I was unprotected with a giant tornado on me, destroying all that was along its way. I don't know how and why, but my subconscious carried me out of that hell and guided me to the parking lot. My neighbors were running and screaming, trying to save themselves. Horrifying images were coming to my mind... It was a hell. While I was in the parking waiting for the end of the hell I started crying. Outside there were people dying and losing their families. It was unfair. What had we done to deserve that? The sound was terrible. I thought that I could never survive. And the worse thing... Where was my family? Where were my brothers? And my parents? Were they safe? The probably answer was: No.

Afterwards, around ten minutes later, I left the parking lot and I went outside. I couldn't believe what I saw. There weren't more tears to shed. The landscape was destroyed and without life. There was nothing. Everything was destroyed. I felt hopeless. I could never find my family there.



by Maria Dalmau

Last summer, my family and I went to Japan to spend our fantastic holidays. We arrived at the hotel at 10 o'clock in the morning. When we were installed we decided to go to the beach. It was a very beautiful beach and the water was blue and transparent. I was sunbathing, my sister was making a sandcastle and my parents were reading the newspapers.

Suddenly, the sky turned black and a very very big wave came near us. We were very frightened and we didn't know what to do. The next moment, I was under the water and all the things were breaking, hitting me and there was a lot of noise. Later, I went out from the water and I looked for my family. I saw my dad and I swam towards. Later, we found my mum and my sister.

No one died and nobody in my family was hurt. We left the sea and we returned to the hotel where the tsunami didn't arrive. We were still frightened. We took a shower and we rested and got calmed.

by Lila Falguera

Yesterday I was going to the school with my friends and we were listening a lot of noise. We were frightening because the noise didn't stop. Suddenly, we looked the river. There was a flood and the water was destroying all. My friends ran away and were shouting. I ran away with my friends and we called 112. Afterwards, we were good, but we frightened. We went to our houses because the school was destroyed.

by Pol Sánchez

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by Ana Torres

Last weekend I was with my friends on a camping in Hawaii. On Saturday morning I was reading a book when suddenly a great river of lava destroyed all the houses around me. Quickli I climbed to the roof of my house and I waited there, until a helicopter rescued me. From the helicopter rescued me. From the helicopter, I saw how other people tried to scape from the flames. Many people could not be saved. I was terrified. Some days ago, I returned to the place and I found a totally destroyed space. I was relieved of having survived.

by Gonzalo Salinas

Last summer, I went on a vacation with my family to the Canary Islands. One day we were hiking on the Mount Teide when we felt a ground shake. We and the other hikers started getting nervous.

Suddenly, the Teide erupted. Everyone was really afraid, and people started to run back and forth. The lava began to fall, so we tried to stay calm and find a place to take refuge. Then we saw a kind of cave and we decided to take refuge there. We got into the cave and we stayed there for two hours. When the danger finished, we left the cave. The lava destroyed everything, and all that remained were some burned trees and some corpses.

Afterwards we were OK, but some people were injured so we tried to help them. It was probably the most awful experience I've ever experienced.

by Fermín Márquez

I was shopping in a supermarket next to the beach when something hit the supermarket. There was a tsunami! The water ran inside and everyone who was there was shouting and getting afraid. There were very big waves hitting and coming in. I was swimming and trying to breathe when the water touched the roof and I couldn't breathe! A person dead crashed into me and hit some shelves while I was diving to the exit. I was getting fainted and suddenly someone caught my arm and took me out of there.

In the end when I woke up I saw the person who rescued me and I could see a lot of people who died in the tsunami.

by Rubén Márquez

I was shopping in a supermarket next to the beach when something hit the supermarket. There was a tsunami! The water ran inside and everyone who was there was shouting and getting afraid. There were very big waves hitting and coming in. I was swimming and trying to breathe when the water touched the roof and I couldn't breathe! A person dead crashed into me and hit some shelves while I was diving to the exit. I was getting fainted and suddenly someone caught my arm and took me out of there.

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