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## Level 6

### Emergency junk food flown to earthquake town

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

The residents of a town cut off by last week's New Zealand earthquake have received a somewhat unusual but welcome air delivery – enough fast food to feed a small army. The mercy mission to the town of Kaikoura was organized by a plasterer from the town of Nelson 130 kilometres to the north. Robert Coombes, 49, spent three days gathering donations from people and bought as much fast food as he could with the cash. He filled a friend's light aircraft with 400 pieces of Kentucky Fried Chicken, 300 McDonald's burgers, 50 Domino's pizzas, and hundreds of candies. His cargo of tasty treats landed in Kaikoura in time for lunch on Friday. Kaikoura was the town worst hit by the magnitude 7.8 quake.

Mr Coombes explained to reporters that he wanted to "put a smile on people's faces, even if it's only for one day". He added: "There's necessities, but with kids, you need a bit more than bread and water. I just thought I'd fill the plane with junk food and bring a little bit of happiness to the place.... It's just being a good human being." Coombes said the manager of KFC and McDonald's supported his idea and their staff started work two hours earlier to prepare the goodies. Main roads and rail links to Kaikoura have been severed by massive landslides. There have been well over 2,000 aftershocks since Monday and the government is warning that there are likely to be more.

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[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=11750955](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11750955)  
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/nz-earthquake/86643001/earthquake-burgers-pizzas-flown-in-to-quakehit-kaikoura>

# WARM-UPS

**1. JUNK FOOD:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about junk food. 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?

residents / earthquake / welcome / delivery / donations / cash / aircraft / lunch / reporters / necessities / bread / water / human being / goodies / landslides

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

**3. GOOD:** Students A **strongly** believe all human beings are good; Students B **strongly** believe not all human beings are good. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. EARTHQUAKE:** How can people help those in a town cut off by an earthquake? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How to help	How much good will it do?
Messages		
Food		
Shelter		
Children		
Medicine		
Rescue		

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

**6. GOODIES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the nicest goodies at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- chocolate
- Pringles
- ice cream
- doughnut / donut
- strawberries
- pizza
- cream cake
- fries

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

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

- a. A small army delivered fast food to a New Zealand town. **T / F**
- b. The town hit by the earthquake is 130 north of a town called Nelson. **T / F**
- c. A man filled a plane with 500 pizzas for the earthquake survivors. **T / F**
- d. The fast food arrived in the town in time for lunch. **T / F**
- e. The organizer wanted to see himself smile. **T / F**
- f. The organizer said bread and water was not enough for the children. **T / F**
- g. McDonald's staff started work two hours earlier to prepare the food. **T / F**
- h. Kaikoura has had in excess of 2,000 aftershocks since the earthquake. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>residents</b> | a. journalists  |
| 2. <b>somewhat</b>  | b. collecting   |
| 3. <b>mission</b>   | c. put together |
| 4. <b>gathering</b> | d. slightly     |
| 5. <b>treats</b>    | e. rather       |
| 6. <b>reporters</b> | f. operation    |
| 7. <b>a bit</b>     | g. cut          |
| 8. <b>prepare</b>   | h. goodies      |
| 9. <b>severed</b>   | i. cautioning   |
| 10. <b>warning</b>  | j. inhabitants  |

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

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. a somewhat unusual but welcome air  | a. smile on people's faces |
| 2. enough fast food to                 | b. 7.8 quake               |
| 3. gathering                           | c. to be more              |
| 4. landed in Kaikoura in               | d. over 2,000 aftershocks  |
| 5. the town worst hit by the magnitude | e. delivery                |
| 6. he wanted to put a                  | f. severed                 |
| 7. It's just being a good human        | g. feed a small army       |
| 8. rail links to Kaikoura have been    | h. time for lunch          |
| 9. There have been well                | i. being                   |
| 10. there are likely                   | j. donations               |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

The residents of a town cut off by last week's New Zealand earthquake have received a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ unusual but welcome air delivery – enough fast food to feed a small (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The mercy mission to the town of Kaikoura was organized by a plasterer from the town of Nelson 130 kilometres to the (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Robert Coombes, 49, spent three days gathering (4) \_\_\_\_\_ from people and bought as much fast food as he could with the cash. He filled a friend's (5) \_\_\_\_\_ aircraft with 400 pieces of Kentucky Fried Chicken, 300 McDonald's burgers, 50 Domino's pizzas, and hundreds of candies. His (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of tasty treats landed in Kaikoura in (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch on Friday. Kaikoura was the town worst hit by the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 7.8 quake.

*army*  
*north*  
*cargo*  
*somewhat*  
*magnitude*  
*light*  
*time*  
*donations*

Mr Coombes explained to reporters that he wanted to "put a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ on people's faces, even if it's only for one day". He added: "There's necessities, but with kids, you need a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ more than bread and water. I just thought I'd fill the plane with junk food and bring a little bit of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to the place.... It's just being a good human (12) \_\_\_\_\_." Coombes said the manager of KFC and McDonald's supported his idea and their staff started work two hours earlier to prepare the (13) \_\_\_\_\_. Main roads and rail links to Kaikoura have been (14) \_\_\_\_\_ by massive landslides. There have been well over 2,000 (15) \_\_\_\_\_ since Monday and the government is warning that there are (16) \_\_\_\_\_ to be more.

*bit*  
*being*  
*severed*  
*happiness*  
*likely*  
*smile*  
*aftershocks*  
*goodies*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) received a somewhat unusual but \_\_\_\_\_ delivery
  - a. welcomed air
  - b. welcomes air
  - c. welcoming air
  - d. welcome air
- 2) gathering donations from people and bought as much fast food as he could \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. with the cash
  - b. with the stash
  - c. with the cache
  - d. with the catch
- 3) 300 McDonald's burgers, 50 Domino's pizzas, and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. hundreds of candies
  - b. hundreds of candles
  - c. hundreds of caddies
  - d. hundreds of cabbies
- 4) His cargo of tasty treats landed in Kaikoura in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. time for lunch
  - b. times for lunch
  - c. timely for luncheon
  - d. timed for luncheon
- 5) Kaikoura was the town worst hit by the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. multitude 7.8 quake
  - b. magnitude 7.8 quake
  - c. miniscule 7.8 quake
  - d. magnified 7.8 quake
- 6) Mr Coombes explained to reporters that he wanted to put a smile \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on people's laugh
  - b. on people's heads
  - c. on people's mouth
  - d. on people's faces
- 7) fill the plane with junk food and bring a little bit of happiness \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. too the place
  - b. to a place
  - c. to the place
  - d. to the plaice
- 8) McDonald's supported his idea and their staff started work two hours earlier to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. prepare the baddies
  - b. prepare the good deeds
  - c. prepare the goodness
  - d. prepare the goodies
- 9) Main roads and rail links to Kaikoura have been severed by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. missive landslides
  - b. massive lands rides
  - c. massive landslides
  - d. massively landslide
- 10) the government is warning that there are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. likely to be mere
  - b. likely to be moor
  - c. likely to be more
  - d. likely to be amore

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

The residents of a town (1) \_\_\_\_\_ last week's New Zealand earthquake have received a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ but welcome air delivery – enough fast (3) \_\_\_\_\_ small army. The mercy mission to the town of Kaikoura was organized by a plasterer from the town of Nelson 130 kilometres to the north. Robert Coombes, 49, spent three days gathering donations from people and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ fast food as he could (5) \_\_\_\_\_. He filled a friend's light aircraft with 400 pieces of Kentucky Fried Chicken, 300 McDonald's burgers, 50 Domino's pizzas, and hundreds of candies. His (6) \_\_\_\_\_ treats landed in Kaikoura in time for lunch on Friday. Kaikoura was the town worst hit by the magnitude 7.8 quake.

Mr Coombes explained to reporters that he wanted (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on people's faces, even if it's only for one day". He added: "There's necessities, but with kids, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ more than bread and water. I just (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the plane with junk food and bring (10) \_\_\_\_\_ happiness to the place... It's just being a good human being." Coombes said the manager of KFC and McDonald's supported his idea and their staff started work two hours earlier to prepare the goodies. Main (11) \_\_\_\_\_ rail links to Kaikoura have been severed by massive landslides. There have been well over 2,000 aftershocks since Monday and the government is warning that there are (12) \_\_\_\_\_ more.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

1. What did the article say there was enough fast food to feed?
2. What is the job of the man who organized the flight?
3. How many pieces of chicken went on the aircraft?
4. What did the flight land in time for?
5. What is the name of the town that was worst hit by the earthquake?
6. What did the man want to put on people's faces?
7. Who did the man say needed more than bread and water?
8. How many hours earlier did McDonald's staff work to help with the food?
9. What cut the main roads and rail links to the town?
10. How many aftershocks have hit the town?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

- 1) What did the article say there was enough fast food to feed?
  - a) the armies of the world
  - b) a small army
  - c) an army of children
  - d) the New Zealand army
- 2) What is the job of the man who organized the flight?
  - a) pastry chef
  - b) pasta maker
  - c) pilot
  - d) plasterer
- 3) How many pieces of chicken went on the aircraft?
  - a) 50
  - b) 300
  - c) 400
  - d) hundreds
- 4) What did the flight land in time for?
  - a) lunch
  - b) sunset
  - c) sunrise
  - d) dinner
- 5) What is the name of the town that was worst hit by the earthquake?
  - a) Karnataka
  - b) Kaikoura
  - c) Karakoram
  - d) Kia Ora
- 6) What did the man want to put on people's faces?
  - a) smiles
  - b) eggs
  - c) face paint
  - d) Ronald McDonald masks
- 7) Who did the man say needed more than bread and water?
  - a) McDonald's staff
  - b) pensioners
  - c) kids
  - d) human beings
- 8) How many hours earlier did McDonald's staff work to help with the food?
  - a) 2
  - b) 3
  - c) 4
  - d) 5
- 9) What cut the main roads and rail links to the town?
  - a) the Internet
  - b) heavy machinery
  - c) a damaged river
  - d) massive landslides
- 10) How many aftershocks have hit the town?
  - a) around 2,000
  - b) less than 2,000
  - c) over 2,000
  - d) exactly 2,000

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

## **Role A – Chocolate**

You think chocolate is the best treat. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their treats. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): strawberries, fries or ice cream.

## **Role B – Strawberries**

You think strawberries are the best treats. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their treats. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): chocolate, fries or ice cream.

## **Role C – Fries**

You think fries are the best treats. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their treats. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): strawberries, chocolate or ice cream.

## **Role D – Ice Cream**

You think ice cream is the best treat. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their treats. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): strawberries, fries or chocolate.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

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

junk	food

- 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>• unusual</li><li>• mission</li><li>• north</li><li>• spent</li><li>• 50</li><li>• worst</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• smile</li><li>• kids</li><li>• place</li><li>• idea</li><li>• links</li><li>• 2,000</li></ul>
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# JUNK FOOD SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

Write five GOOD questions about junk food 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.

# JUNK FOOD DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'earthquake'?
3. What do you know about earthquakes?
4. What should you do when an earthquake starts?
5. What do you think about what you read?
6. Should government money mean people do not need to donate?
7. How good an idea was the fast food delivery?
8. What do you think the Kaikoura residents thought?
9. What do you think of Mr Coombes?
10. What's your favourite junk food, and why?

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# JUNK FOOD 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 do to make people smile?
13. What have you smiled about today?
14. Who is the nicest person you know?
15. Are all human beings good?
16. Why does junk food make us feel so good?
17. How can we help people hit by earthquakes?
18. How would your town survive if it was cut off?
19. What advice do you have for the residents of Kaikoura?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr Coombes?

# 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 <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

The residents of a town cut (1) \_\_\_\_\_ by last week's New Zealand earthquake have received a somewhat unusual but (2) \_\_\_\_\_ air delivery – enough fast food to feed a small army. The mercy (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to the town of Kaikoura was organized by a plasterer from the town of Nelson 130 kilometres to the north. Robert Coombes, 49, spent three days gathering (4) \_\_\_\_\_ from people and bought as much fast food as he could with the cash. He filled a friend's (5) \_\_\_\_\_ aircraft with 400 pieces of Kentucky Fried Chicken, 300 McDonald's burgers, 50 Domino's pizzas, and hundreds of candies. His cargo of tasty treats landed in Kaikoura in (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch on Friday. Kaikoura was the town worst hit by the magnitude 7.8 quake.

Mr Coombes explained to reporters that he wanted to "put a smile (7) \_\_\_\_\_ people's faces, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ if it's only for one day". He added: "There's necessities, but with kids, you need a bit more than bread and water. I just thought I'd fill the plane with junk food and bring a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ bit of happiness to the place.... It's just being a good human being." Coombes said the manager of KFC and McDonald's supported his idea and their staff started work two hours earlier to prepare the (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Main roads and rail links to Kaikoura have been (11) \_\_\_\_\_ by massive landslides. There have been well over 2,000 aftershocks since Monday and the government is warning that there are (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to be more.

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

- |     |                |              |               |                |
|-----|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) in         | (b) on       | (c) up        | (d) off        |
| 2.  | (a) come in    | (b) pleased  | (c) greetings | (d) welcome    |
| 3.  | (a) missive    | (b) mission  | (c) mansion   | (d) measure    |
| 4.  | (a) donation   | (b) donates  | (c) donations | (d) donating   |
| 5.  | (a) light      | (b) flight   | (c) weight    | (d) heavy      |
| 6.  | (a) time       | (b) timed    | (c) timely    | (d) timing     |
| 7.  | (a) at         | (b) of       | (c) in        | (d) on         |
| 8.  | (a) even       | (b) ever     | (c) every     | (d) eventually |
| 9.  | (a) few        | (b) little   | (c) much      | (d) some       |
| 10. | (a) baddies    | (b) goodness | (c) goodies   | (d) goods      |
| 11. | (a) served     | (b) several  | (c) severed   | (d) saved      |
| 12. | (a) likelihood | (b) likely   | (c) liking    | (d) liked      |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. The triesensd of a town
2. air vrdeleyei
3. The reycm mission
4. gathering oodnsiant from people
5. His oagrc of tasty treats
6. hit by the tindeguma 7.8 quake

## Paragraph 2

7. There's sceietssnie
8. prepare the gsieodo
9. rail links to Kaikoura have been rseevde
10. seavmis landslides
11. well over 2,000 thscoafsekr
12. the eegmnnorvt is warning...



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

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

- ( ) as he could with the cash. He filled a friend's light aircraft with 400 pieces of Kentucky Fried Chicken,
- ( ) of Kaikoura was organized by a plasterer from the town of Nelson 130 kilometres to the
- ( ) day". He added: "There's necessities, but with kids, you need a bit more than bread and water. I just thought I'd fill
- ( ) Mr Coombes explained to reporters that he wanted to "put a smile on people's faces, even if it's only for one
- ( **1** ) The residents of a town cut off by last week's New Zealand earthquake have received a somewhat unusual
- ( ) since Monday and the government is warning that there are likely to be more.
- ( ) 300 McDonald's burgers, 50 Domino's pizzas, and hundreds of candies. His cargo of tasty treats landed in Kaikoura in
- ( ) north. Robert Coombes, 49, spent three days gathering donations from people and bought as much fast food
- ( ) by massive landslides. There have been well over 2,000 aftershocks
- ( ) being." Coombes said the manager of KFC and McDonald's supported his idea and their staff started work two hours
- ( ) but welcome air delivery – enough fast food to feed a small army. The mercy mission to the town
- ( ) the plane with junk food and bring a little bit of happiness to the place.... It's just being a good human
- ( ) time for lunch on Friday. Kaikoura was the town worst hit by the magnitude 7.8 quake.
- ( ) earlier to prepare the goodies. Main roads and rail links to Kaikoura have been severed

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

1. air but unusual somewhat a Received delivery welcome .
2. a feed to food fast Enough army small .
3. the Bought as as he much could fast cash food with .
4. in cargo treats Kaikoura His tasty in time of landed .
5. 7.8 the The worst by quake town hit magnitude .
6. a He smile wanted on to people's put faces .
7. a human It's being good being just .
8. goodies work earlier the started hours prepare Staff two to .
9. Main rail Kaikoura severed and to been roads links have .
10. There have been 2,000 well aftershocks over .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161121-junk-food.html>

The residents of a town cut *in / off* by last week's New Zealand earthquake have received a *somewhat / something* unusual but welcome air delivery – enough fast food to feed *the / a* small army. The mercy mission to the town of Kaikoura was organized *by / at* a plasterer from the town of Nelson 130 kilometres *of / to* the north. Robert Coombes, 49, spent three days gathering donations from people and bought as much fast food as he *would / could* with the cash. He filled a friend's *light / heavy* aircraft with 400 pieces of Kentucky Fried Chicken, 300 McDonald's burgers, 50 Domino's pizzas, and *hundreds / hundred* of candies. His cargo of tasty *threats / treats* landed in Kaikoura in time for lunch on Friday. Kaikoura was the town worst hit by the *multitude / magnitude* 7.8 quake.

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**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 the recent New Zealand earthquake. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. JUNK FOOD:** Make a poster about junk food. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. EARTHQUAKES:** Write a magazine article about rescue efforts after earthquakes. Include imaginary interviews with rescuers and rescued.

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 earthquakes. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how best to help survivors of earthquakes in the first few days. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c F    d T    e F    f T    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. residents | a. inhabitants  |
| 2. somewhat  | b. slightly     |
| 3. mission   | c. operation    |
| 4. gathering | d. collecting   |
| 5. treats    | e. goodies      |
| 6. reporters | f. journalists  |
| 7. a bit     | g. rather       |
| 8. prepare   | h. put together |
| 9. severed   | i. cut          |
| 10. warning  | j. cautioning   |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A small army
2. A plasterer
3. 400
4. Lunch
5. Kaikoura
6. Smiles
7. Kids
8. Two
9. Massive landslides
10. Over 2,000

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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