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Level 1 – 20th January, 2022

Tonga trying to clean up after tsunami and volcano

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Tonga is cleaning up after it was hit by a tsunami and covered in volcanic ash. The undersea volcano erupted on Saturday. Experts say it was the world's biggest eruption in 30 years. It sent tsunami waves to Japan. It also destroyed large parts of Tonga. Ash is making it difficult for normal life to return. A lot of the work cannot go ahead until the ash has gone. It buried buildings and is blocking many of the country's roads.

Tonga called the disasters a one-of-a-kind event. They have badly affected life on the island. The volcano cut Tonga's underwater Internet cable. Engineers are trying to fix this. It is difficult to fly aid into the country because of damage to the airport. Tonga shut its borders in 2020 to keep COVID-19 out. It was "covid-free" before the tsunami. It now fears international aid workers could bring a "tsunami of COVID-19" into the country.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2022/01/18/asia/tonga-volcano-tsunami-damage-intl-hnk/index.html>
<https://www.the-sun.com/news/4482496/shocking-before-after-satellite-photos-tonga-tsunamis-devastation/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Tonga is cleaning | a. to Japan |
| 2. it was hit | b. on Saturday |
| 3. covered in volcanic | c. buildings |
| 4. The undersea volcano erupted | d. by a tsunami |
| 5. the world's biggest eruption | e. go ahead |
| 6. It sent tsunami waves | f. up |
| 7. A lot of the work cannot | g. in 30 years |
| 8. It buried | h. ash |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a one-of-a-kind | a. borders |
| 2. They have badly affected | b. to fix this |
| 3. The volcano cut Tonga's underwater | c. workers |
| 4. Engineers are trying | d. life |
| 5. difficult to fly aid | e. before the tsunami |
| 6. Tonga shut its | f. Internet cable |
| 7. It was "covid-free" | g. into the country |
| 8. international aid | h. event |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Tonga is (1) _____ it was hit by a tsunami and covered (2) _____. The undersea volcano erupted on Saturday. Experts say it was the world's (3) _____ 30 years. It sent tsunami waves to Japan. It also destroyed (4) _____ Tonga. Ash is making it difficult for normal life to return. A lot of the work cannot (5) _____ the ash has gone. It buried buildings and is blocking (6) _____ country's roads.

Tonga called the disasters a one-of-(7)-_____. They have badly (8) _____ the island. The volcano cut Tonga's underwater Internet cable. Engineers are trying to fix this. It (9) _____ fly aid into the country because (10) _____ the airport. Tonga shut its borders in 2020 to keep COVID-19 out. It was "covid-(11) _____ tsunami. It now fears international aid workers could bring a "tsunami of COVID-19" (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TSUNAMI SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220120-tonga-tsunami-4.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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

