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Sisters reunited 30 years after Colombia avalanche

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THE READING

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Two sisters in Colombia who were separated by an avalanche 30 years ago have been reunited. Jaqueline and Lorena Sanchez thought they had lost each other in 1985 after a volcano erupted near their town of Armero. Lava from the volcano melted nearby glaciers and caused four massive mudslides, which killed more than 20,000 people. Jaqueline, 33, and Lorena, 39, never found each other in the chaos. They each thought the other was among the dead. Armero was the second deadliest volcanic disaster of the 20th century. Only an eruption in the Caribbean in 1902 was deadlier.

The Sanchez sisters were adopted by different families. They have spent the past few decades looking for each other. They were reunited after DNA tests they gave to a victims' organization matched. Lorena said: "It was beautiful and sad because it has been 30 years since the tragedy happened....I have to catch up with 30 years of her life and she has to do the same with me." Jaqueline said: "I'm excited, nervous, everything because suddenly, you don't know if you are going to be rejected....I wonder if she will love me. It's difficult. It's difficult to explain this moment."

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. separated by an avalanche | a. other in the chaos |
| 2. after a volcano | b. disaster |
| 3. Lava from the volcano melted | c. erupted |
| 4. four massive | d. was deadlier |
| 5. found each | e. 30 years ago |
| 6. They each thought the other was | f. mudslides |
| 7. the second deadliest volcanic | g. nearby glaciers |
| 8. an eruption in the Caribbean in 1902 | h. among the dead |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The Sanchez sisters were adopted | a. will love me |
| 2. the past few | b. for each other |
| 3. looking | c. tests |
| 4. They were reunited after DNA | d. the tragedy happened |
| 5. it has been 30 years since | e. by different families |
| 6. I have to catch up with | f. to be rejected |
| 7. you don't know if you are going | g. 30 years of her life |
| 8. I wonder if she | h. decades |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Two sisters in Colombia who (1) _____ an avalanche 30 years ago have been reunited. Jaqueline and Lorena Sanchez thought they had (2) _____ in 1985 after a volcano erupted near their town of Armero. Lava from the volcano (3) _____ glaciers and caused four massive mudslides, which (4) _____ 20,000 people. Jaqueline, 33, and Lorena, 39, never found each other in the chaos. They (5) _____ other was among the dead. Armero was the second deadliest volcanic disaster of the 20th century. Only an (6) _____ Caribbean in 1902 was deadlier.

The Sanchez sisters (7) _____ different families. They have spent the past few decades looking (8) _____. They were reunited after DNA tests they gave to a victims' organization matched. Lorena said: "It was beautiful and sad because (9) _____ years since the tragedy happened....I have (10) _____ 30 years of her life and she has to do the same with me." Jaqueline said: "I'm (11) _____, everything because suddenly, you don't know if you are going to be rejected....I wonder if she will love me. It's difficult. It's difficult to (12) _____."

NATURAL DISASTERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about natural disasters 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

