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Sisters reunited 30 years after Colombia avalanche

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THE ARTICLE

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Two sisters in Colombia who were separated as children by an avalanche 30 years ago have been reunited. Jaqueline and Lorena Sanchez thought they had lost each other forever in 1985 when the Tolima volcano erupted near their town of Armero. The hot, molten lava from the volcano melted nearby glaciers and caused four massive mudslides. These killed more than 20,000 of Armero's 29,000 inhabitants. Jaqueline, 33, and Lorena, 39, never found each other in the chaos that followed the disaster. They each assumed the other was among the deceased. Armero was the second most deadly volcanic disaster of the 20th century. Only the 1902 eruption of Mount Pelee in the Caribbean was deadlier.

The two sisters were adopted by different families and never knew each other's fate. They have both spent much of the past few decades looking for each other. They were reunited when DNA tests they gave to an organization that helped victims of the avalanches matched. Lorena told reporters: "It was beautiful and sad because it has been 30 years since the tragedy happened that I've come to find out what happened to my sister. 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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WARM-UPS

1. NATURAL DISASTERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about natural disasters. 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?

sisters / children / avalanche / volcano / glaciers / inhabitants / disaster / Caribbean / adopted / fate / decades / reunited / beautiful / tragedy / excited . nervous / difficult

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

3. 30 YEARS: How are people's lives different after 30 years? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good changes	Bad changes
Family		
Looks		
Interests		
Jobs		
Health		
Friends		

4. VOLCANO: Students A **strongly** believe people should not live near volcanoes; Students B **strongly** disagree. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. CATCH UP: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to catch up with at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- family news
- movies
- neighbours
- jobs
- your own health
- love life
- friends
- your town

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160228-avalanche-sisters.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE:

Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The sisters were separated when they were in their 30s. | T / F |
| b. The avalanche happened because a volcano erupted. | T / F |
| c. Around two-thirds of the town's people died in the tragedy. | T / F |
| d. The 20th century's most deadly volcanic disaster happened in 1902. | T / F |
| e. The two sisters were adopted by the same family. | T / F |
| f. The use of DNA tests helped reunite the two sisters. | T / F |
| g. One sister said she has 20 years of her sister's life to catch up with. | T / F |
| h. Another sister is not worried her other sister might reject her. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. separated | a. residents |
| 2. molten | b. huge |
| 3. massive | c. get up-to-date |
| 4. inhabitants | d. casualties |
| 5. deceased | e. parted |
| 6. fate | f. think about |
| 7. victims | g. apprehensive |
| 8. catch up | h. liquefied |
| 9. nervous | i. destiny |
| 10. wonder | j. dead |

3. PHRASE MATCH:

(Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Two sisters in Colombia who were | a. of the 20th century |
| 2. they had lost each | b. from the volcano |
| 3. The hot, molten lava | c. 30 years of her life |
| 4. 20,000 of Armero's 29,000 | d. few decades |
| 5. the second most deadly volcanic disaster | e. separated as children |
| 6. The two sisters were adopted | f. going to be rejected |
| 7. the past | g. tests |
| 8. DNA | h. other forever |
| 9. I have to catch up with | i. by different families |
| 10. you don't know if you are | j. inhabitants |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160228-avalanche-sisters.html>

Two sisters in Colombia who were (1) _____ as children by an avalanche 30 years ago have been reunited. Jaqueline and Lorena Sanchez thought they had lost each other (2) _____ in 1985 when the Tolima volcano (3) _____ near their town of Armero. The hot, molten lava from the volcano melted nearby (4) _____ and caused four massive mudslides. These killed more than 20,000 of Armero's 29,000 (5) _____. Jaqueline, 33, and Lorena, 39, never found each other in the (6) _____ that followed the disaster. They each assumed the other was among the (7) _____. Armero was the second most (8) _____ volcanic disaster of the 20th century. Only the 1902 eruption of Mount Pelee in the Caribbean was deadlier.

erupted
inhabitants
forever
deceased
separated
deadly
glaciers
chaos

The two sisters were (9) _____ by different families and never knew each other's fate. They have both spent much of the past few (10) _____ looking for each other. They were reunited when DNA tests they gave to an organization that helped (11) _____ of the avalanches (12) _____. Lorena told reporters: "It was beautiful and sad because it has been 30 years since the (13) _____ happened that I've come to find out what happened to my sister. I have to (14) _____ up with 30 years of her life and she has to do the same with me." Jaqueline said: "I'm excited, nervous, everything because (15) _____, 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 (16) _____."

matched
decades
tragedy
suddenly
adopted
moment
victims
catch

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160228-avalanche-sisters.html>

- 1) sisters in Colombia who were separated as children by an avalanche 30 years ago _____
 - a. have been really united
 - b. have been reunited
 - c. has been reuniting
 - d. has been reunited
- 2) molten lava from the volcano melted nearby glaciers and caused _____
 - a. four missive mudslides
 - b. four massive mudslide
 - c. four massive mudslides
 - d. four missive mudslide
- 3) Jaqueline, 33, and Lorena, 39, never found each other _____
 - a. in the chase
 - b. in the chaos
 - c. in the chaotic
 - d. in the chases
- 4) Armero was the second most deadly volcanic disaster _____
 - a. of the 20th century
 - b. of the 20th centuries
 - c. of a 20th century
 - d. of a 20th centurion
- 5) Only the 1902 eruption of Mount Pelee in the Caribbean _____
 - a. was deadlier
 - b. was deadliest
 - c. was deadly are
 - d. was dead leer
- 6) The two sisters were adopted by different families and never knew _____
 - a. each other's fete
 - b. each other's fight
 - c. each other's freight
 - d. each other's fate
- 7) They have both spent much of the past few decades looking _____
 - a. for each another
 - b. for each other
 - c. for each others
 - d. for each other's
- 8) It was beautiful and sad because it has been 30 years since _____
 - a. the tragic happened
 - b. the tragedies happened
 - c. the tragedy happened
 - d. the tragically happened
- 9) I have to catch up with 30 years of her life and she has to do the _____
 - a. same within me
 - b. same with me
 - c. same wither me
 - d. same without me
- 10) I wonder if she will love me. It's difficult. It's difficult to _____
 - a. explain this momentous
 - b. explain this momentum
 - c. explain this momentary
 - d. explain this moment

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Two sisters in Colombia who were separated (1) _____ avalanche 30 years ago have been reunited. Jaqueline and Lorena Sanchez thought they had (2) _____ forever in 1985 when the Tolima volcano erupted near (3) _____ Armero. The hot, molten lava from the volcano melted nearby glaciers and caused four massive mudslides. These (4) _____ 20,000 of Armero's 29,000 inhabitants. Jaqueline, 33, and Lorena, 39, never found each other in (5) _____ followed the disaster. They each assumed the other was among the deceased. Armero was the second most deadly volcanic disaster of (6) _____. Only the 1902 eruption of Mount Pelee in the Caribbean was deadlier.

The two sisters (7) _____ different families and never knew each other's fate. They have both spent much (8) _____ decades looking for each other. They were reunited when DNA tests they gave to an organization that (9) _____ the avalanches matched. Lorena told reporters: "It was beautiful and sad because it has been 30 years (10) _____ happened that I've come to find out what happened to my sister. I have to catch up with 30 years of her life and (11) _____ same with me." Jaqueline said: "I'm excited, nervous, everything because suddenly, you don't know if you are going to be rejected...I (12) _____ will love me. It's difficult. It's difficult to explain this moment."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160228-avalanche-sisters.html>

1. In what year were the two sisters separated?

2. What is the name of the volcano that erupted?

3. How many people originally lived in the town?

4. How old is Lorena now?

5. When was the deadliest volcanic disaster of the 20th century?

6. Who were the sisters adopted by?

7. What kind of tests helped to reunite them?

8. What do the sisters have to catch up with?

9. What is Jacqueline worried about?

10. What did Jacqueline say was difficult to explain?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160228-avalanche-sisters.html>

1. In what year were the two sisters separated?
 - a) 1993
 - b) 2000
 - c) 1930
 - d) 1985
2. What is the name of the volcano that erupted?
 - a) Sanchez
 - b) Tolima
 - c) Glacier
 - d) Armero
3. How many people originally lived in the town?
 - a) 200,000
 - b) 290,000
 - c) 29,000
 - d) 20,000
4. How old is Lorena now?
 - a) 39
 - b) 36
 - c) 33
 - d) 30
5. When was the deadliest volcanic disaster of the 20th century?
 - a) 1922
 - b) 1920
 - c) 1902
 - d) 1929
6. Who were the sisters adopted by?
 - a) their aunt
 - b) different families
 - c) an organization
 - d) the town
7. What kind of tests helped to reunite them?
 - a) fitness tests
 - b) IQ tests
 - c) personality tests
 - d) DNA tests
8. What do the sisters have to catch up with?
 - a) each other's lives
 - b) technology
 - c) the 21st century
 - d) the town
9. What is Jacqueline worried about?
 - a) money
 - b) the future
 - c) being rejected
 - d) another volcano
10. What did Jacqueline say was difficult to explain?
 - a) the past 30 years
 - b) this moment
 - c) the avalanche
 - d) her sister

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Family news

You think family news is the best news to catch up with. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their news isn't so interesting. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): movies, your town or neighbours.

Role B – Movie news

You think news of movies is the best news to catch up with. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their news isn't so interesting. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): family news, your town or neighbours.

Role C – News of your town

You think news of your town is the best news to catch up with. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their news isn't so interesting. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): movies, family news or neighbours.

Role D – News of neighbours

You think news of neighbours is the best news to catch up with. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their news isn't so interesting. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): movies, your town or family news.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

lost	forever
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- 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">• children• 1985• melted• 29,000• chaos• 1902	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• knew• spent• tests• catch• everything• moment
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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.

NATURAL DISASTERS 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 'avalanche'?
- 3) What do you think about what you read?
- 4) Have you ever experienced a natural disaster?
- 5) How would it feel to be separated for so long?
- 6) Do you think they ever gave up hope?
- 7) What do you know about volcanoes?
- 8) How do you think the sisters felt when they knew they would be reunited?
- 9) What should you do if you are near an erupting volcano?
- 10) What advice do you have for the sisters?

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NATURAL DISASTERS 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 adopting children?
- 13) What do you know about DNA?
- 14) What part did technology play in the sisters being reunited?
- 15) How long would it take to catch up with 30 years of someone's life?
- 16) What do you think the sisters will talk about?
- 17) What should the sisters do together in the next few weeks?
- 18) Should people who live near volcanoes move?
- 19) Would you like to read more good news stories?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the sisters?

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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The two sisters were adopted (7) _____ different families and never knew each other's fate. They have both spent much of the past few decades looking for each other. They were reunited (8) _____ DNA tests they gave to an organization that helped (9) _____ of the avalanches matched. Lorena told reporters: "It was beautiful and sad because it has been 30 years since the tragedy happened that I've (10) _____ to find out what happened to my sister. I have to catch up (11) _____ 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 (12) _____."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) separation | (b) separately | (c) separate | (d) separated |
| 2. | (a) foremost | (b) destiny | (c) eternally | (d) forever |
| 3. | (a) closely | (b) nearby | (c) nearly | (d) nears |
| 4. | (a) inhabit | (b) habitation | (c) inhabitants | (d) habitual |
| 5. | (a) chaste | (b) chasm | (c) chaos | (d) chase |
| 6. | (a) eruption | (b) eviction | (c) evolution | (d) erudition |
| 7. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) for | (d) at |
| 8. | (a) when | (b) since | (c) then | (d) that |
| 9. | (a) targets | (b) victims | (c) sacrifices | (d) subjects |
| 10. | (a) taken | (b) done | (c) come | (d) made |
| 11. | (a) for | (b) at | (c) with | (d) them |
| 12. | (a) moments | (b) momentarily | (c) momentum | (d) moment |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Two sisters in Colombia who were teradpesa
2. melted nearby acgeirsl
3. four msavsie mudslides
4. among the sdeaedec
5. the second most deadly volcanic rdseasti
6. the 1902 ruopenit of Mount Pelee

Paragraph 2

7. dtoadpe by different families
8. the past few desaedc
9. helped scvitmi of the avalanches
10. since the rgdatye happened
11. I'm excited, vrunoes, everything
12. you are going to be ceretejd

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160228-avalanche-sisters.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

()	assumed the other was among the deceased. Armero was the second most deadly
()	fate. They have both spent much of the past few decades looking for each other. They were reunited when DNA
()	be rejected....I wonder if she will love me. It's difficult. It's difficult to explain this moment."
()	me." Jaqueline said: "I'm excited, nervous, everything because suddenly, you don't know if you are going to
()	erupted near their town of Armero. The hot, molten lava from the volcano melted nearby
()	beautiful and sad because it has been 30 years since the tragedy happened that I've come to find
()	volcanic disaster of the 20th century. Only the 1902 eruption of Mount Pelee in the Caribbean was deadlier.
()	glaciers and caused four massive mudslides. These killed more than 20,000 of Armero's 29,000
()	inhabitants. Jaqueline, 33, and Lorena, 39, never found each other in the chaos that followed the disaster. They each
(1)	Two sisters in Colombia who were separated as children by an avalanche 30 years ago have been
()	tests they gave to an organization that helped victims of the avalanches matched. Lorena told reporters: "It was
()	reunited. Jaqueline and Lorena Sanchez thought they had lost each other forever in 1985 when the Tolima volcano
()	The two sisters were adopted by different families and never knew each other's
()	out what happened to my sister. I have to catch up with 30 years of her life and she has to do the same with

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. glaciers from nearby lava melted Molten volcano the .

2. each other in the chaos that followed the disaster Found .

3. each other the They the among assumed was deceased .

4. deadly volcanic disaster of the 20th century The second most .

5. of The was in Mt. 1902 deadlier the eruption Caribbean Pelee .

6. sisters families were adopted The by two different .

7. they gave to an organization that helped victims DNA tests .

8. been since happened has years tragedy It 30 the .

9. years 30 with up catch to have I life her of .

10. if you are going to be rejected You don't know .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Two sisters in Colombia who were separated *as / has* children by an avalanche 30 years ago have been reunited. Jaqueline and Lorena Sanchez thought they had lost *each / one* other forever in 1985 when the Tolima volcano erupted near their town *at / of* Armero. The hot, molten lava from the volcano melted *near / nearby* glaciers and caused four massive mudslides. These *killed / killing* more than 20,000 of Armero's 29,000 inhabitants. Jaqueline, 33, and Lorena, 39, never found each other in the *chase / chaos* that followed the disaster. They each *assured / assumed* the other was among the *deceased / decreased*. Armero was the second most *deadly / deathly* volcanic disaster of the 20th century. *Only / Once* the 1902 eruption of Mount Pelee in the Caribbean was deadlier.

The two sisters were *adoptive / adopted* by different families and never knew each other's *fete / fate*. They have both spent *many / much* of the past few *decades / decade* looking for each other. They were reunited when DNA tests they gave to an organization that helped victims of the avalanches matched. Lorena told reporters: "It was beautiful and *sadly / sad* because it has been 30 years since the *tragedy / tragic* happened that I've come to find out what happened to my sister. I have to catch *down / up* with 30 years of her life and she has to do the *same / similar* with me." Jaqueline said: "I'm excited, nervous, everything because *suddenly / sudden*, 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 *momentum / moment*."

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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Tw__ s__st__rs __n C__l__mb__ wh__ w__r__ s__p__r__t__d __s
ch__ldr__n by __n __v__l__nch__ 30 y__rs __g__ h__v__ b__n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **natural disasters** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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No one should live near a volcano. 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 natural disasters. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. NATURAL DISASTERS: Make a poster about natural disasters. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. VOLCANOES: Write a magazine article about living near volcanoes. Include imaginary interviews with people who think it's OK to live near volcanoes and with people who think no one should live near volcanoes.

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 reunions. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three ideas on what people should do in the first few days of a reunion. 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 T c T d T e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. separated | a. parted |
| 2. molten | b. liquefied |
| 3. massive | c. huge |
| 4. inhabitants | d. residents |
| 5. deceased | e. dead |
| 6. fate | f. destiny |
| 7. victims | g. casualties |
| 8. catch up | h. get up-to-date |
| 9. nervous | i. apprehensive |
| 10. wonder | j. think about |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

- 1985
- Tolima
- 29,000
- 39
- 1902
- Different families
- DNA tests
- 30 years of their lives
- Being rejected
- This moment

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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