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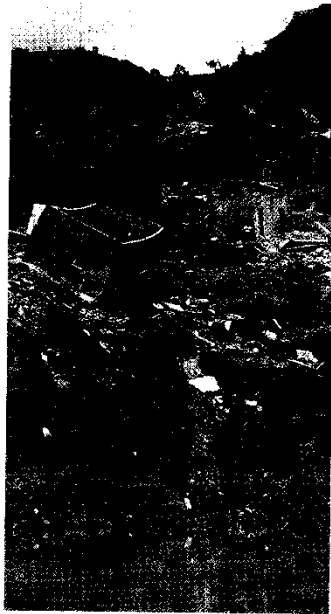
1. Read and answer the questions

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Angry Mitch

Hurricane Mitch crossed the coast of Honduras and Nicaragua, in the western Caribbean, almost seven days ago. Thousands of people are still missing after the disaster although people have already started to rebuild their lives in some areas.

The hurricane has badly damaged all the main ports, and has washed away many bridges, roads and



railway lines. Ships in the area were warned not to stay at sea but several are thought to be missing. Reports are only now starting to come in from some places. Many areas of the two countries are flooded and are still completely cut off. Transport is the most difficult problem for emergency workers. In fact, they can only reach most places by air.

The main danger is that people may suffer from hunger and illness although planes and helicopters have started to fly food and medicines to the most damaged areas of the country. Doctors in the emergency teams from the United States, Europe, Australia and Canada worry that aid might not arrive soon enough.

1. All the victims have been found. TRUE FALSE
2. Why are "reports (...) only now starting to come in from some places"?

3. What is the only way emergency workers can reach most places?

4. What are the two main dangers for people who have undergone this disaster?

5. By the time the aid arrives it may be too late. TRUE FALSE

2. Now read the following World News reports and fill in each blank with a suitable word.

China: The world's smallest aeroplane _____ invented in China. It weighs just 100 mg and it takes _____ and lands in a space as small _____ a desk. At the moment it is _____ used by the police to film people from above.

East Timor: Refugees from East Timor who have _____ kept in West Timor, although they wanted to go home, were finally allowed home _____ Indonesia police yesterday.

USA: A boxing match _____ has been called "the first ever between a man and a woman" is taking _____ today. Kick boxing champion Margaret McGregor, 36, is fighting Loi Chow in Seattle. "They will have a great fight," sports journalist Peter Thompson predicts.

Australia: The famous solar car designer, Marie Logan, has recently admitted that her latest invention, "Rainbow", is not working properly. "I'll have to _____ it fixed as soon as possible," she said. "It will only _____ twenty minutes," she added.

3. Go on reading and complete the blanks with a suitable linking word

Britain: Several traffic problems have been reported in Ludford. The main problem is the A49 road _____ goes right through the town. _____ addition, there have been several serious accidents recently – last week two children were run over by a lorry near the school. In _____ to solve this problem, the City Council has installed new traffic lights. _____ this will help to avoid some of the accidents, it would be necessary to take other measures _____ well. New pedestrian crossings are necessary, too. _____, the only really effective measure would be to have more expensive fines _____ that drivers do not exceed the speed limit

A report last year _____ showed that air pollution from traffic is increasing. The old buildings in the town will be badly damaged _____ this situation continues. There is a terrible traffic jam every morning at Ludford Bridge and there's nowhere to park your car in the centre. _____ of the traffic, shoppers are going to other towns and local shops are closing down.

4. Read about Mrs Hay's adventure and put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense. When you see a + use a modal

Mrs Hay _____ (drive) along a country road when she _____ (see) a man at the side of the road. He _____ (wave) and pointing at his car. Mrs Hay _____ (stop) and asked the man if he was all right.

'My car _____ (break down),' said the man.

'Where do you want _____ (go)?' asked Mrs Hay.

'London,' replied the man.

'Well, if I _____ (go) to London, I would take you. But I _____ (+ give) you a lift to the station, if you like.'

On the way to the station they chatted.

'Do you work in London?' asked Mrs Hay.

'No, I don't. I _____ (run) my own business in Oxford. But today I _____ (have) dinner with a friend in London – we always _____ (have) dinner together on the last Friday of every month. I promised _____ (meet) her at six o'clock.'

'There's a train at 1.30. I don't think you _____ (be) late.'

When they arrived at the station, a train _____ (stand) at the platform.

'That's your train,' said Mrs Hay. 'You _____ (+catch) it if you're quick.'

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After the man _____ (get out) of the car, Mrs Hay _____ (drive away). A few minutes later she realised that she _____ (make) a mistake – it was the wrong train. She went back to the station, but the train wasn't there. It _____ (already leave)! She went into the station and asked at the information desk where the train was going. 'Edinburgh', the information clerk told her.

Mrs Hay asked where it _____ (stop) next.

'It's the express service,' the clerk told her. 'It doesn't stop until it gets to Edinburgh.'

5. Now complete the following newspaper interview with Sabina Cojocar, a young Romanian gymnast.

Interviewer: You have had a really good year so far. _____ ?

Sabina: Well, I feel great. It was my first senior year, and I can say that it has been quite a good year.

Interviewer: _____ ?

Sabina: I really enjoyed the Junior World Championship. I think that was my greatest achievement.

Interviewer: _____ ?

Sabina: No, I have never considered the possibility of giving up. Luckily, I got a lot of support every time I went through a difficult period.

Interviewer: If you had the chance, _____ ?

Sabina: No, I would still choose to be an athlete. Few children my age have visited so many countries. It's a really good feeling when you go to a country and people call out your name.

Interviewer: _____ ?

Sabina: No, I have never really stopped to think about what exactly I would like to do in the future. I think I will probably become an international judge.

Interviewer: This year you were at the awards for the best athlete of the county. _____ ?

Sabina: It was very special for me. It's very nice to know that I'm appreciated in the city where I was born and where I lived for a while.

Interviewer: _____ ?

Sabina: Next season? I don't know, I can't really say for sure, but I don't think I'll be able to take part in the European Championships.

Interviewer: _____ ?

Sabina: Well, because I'm injured right now and I need to rest for at least three weeks.

Interviewer: _____ ?

Sabina: Well, I think I'll go back home and do nothing!

Interviewer: _____ ?

Sabina: Oh, no! I never get bored when I'm at home.

6. Composition. Write about 80 - 100 words on one of the following:

- "And that's it. I really had the time of my life!" (final sentence)
OR
- An Unfortunate Request.