**Text-based writing**

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| A night that the earth didn’t sleep  ***Para1:*** Strange things were happening in Tangshan. ①For three days the water in the village wells rose and fell, rose and fell. ②In the farmyards, the chickens and even the pigs were too nervous to eat. ③Mice ran out of the fields looking for places to hide. ④Fish jumped out of the ponds.⑤At about 3:00 am on July 28,1976, some people even saw bright lights in the sky. **But** the one million people of the city, who **thought little of** these events, were **asleep as usual** that night.  ***Para2:*** At 3:42 am everything began to shake. In fifteen terrible seconds a large city lay in ruins. **It seemed as if the world was at an end!**  ***Para3:*** Everywhere they looked nearly everything was destroyed. **People were shocked.** Then, later that afternoon, another big quake which was almost as strong as the first one shook Tangshan. Water, food, and electricity were hard to get. **People began to wonder how long the disaster would last.**  ***Para4:***   **All hope was not lost**. Soon after the quakes, the army **sent** 150,000 soldiers to Tangshan to **help** the rescue workers. The army **organized** teams to **dig out** those who were trapped and to **bury** the dead. Workers **built shelters** for survivors. Fresh water **was taken to** the city by train, truck and plane. Slowly, the city began to breathe again. | 1 How to make plot impressive?  **Contrast(对比)**  2 How to make sentences vivid（生动的）?  **Skill: Show, don’t tell**  1. figures of speech（修辞）  It seemed as if  2. thoughts(心理活动)  People began to wonder\_\_\_  3. actions |