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WELCOME

The word "WELCOME" is rendered in large, 3D block letters. The letters are colored as follows: 'W' is magenta, 'E' is lime green, 'L' is gold, 'C' is light blue, 'O' is yellow and shaped like a sun with rays, 'M' is purple, and 'E' is green. The letters are arranged in a slightly staggered, playful manner on a white surface.



Lead in

A trip to Taiwan

The guide told us that earthquakes happen so frequently that locals know how to protect themselves.

- **stay calm**
- **drop down onto...**
- **cover the head with...**
- **stay away from...**
- **Hide under..., hold on to...**
- **go to an open space...**
- **...**





Prediction

Look at the **title** and **photo** below
and guess what the text is about.

THE NIGHT THE EARTH DIDN'T SLEEP





Skimming

THE NIGHT THE EARTH DIDN'T SLEEP

when

where

what

time or space

The text is developed **in order of time**

A text using a descriptive language and rhetorical devices(修辞手法) to present facts.

before the earthquake
Para. 1

during the earthquake
Para. 2-3

after the earthquake
Para. 4-5

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Para.1 **before** the earthquake

What signs were before the earthquake?

topic sentence

Strange things were happening in the countryside of northeastern Hebei. For several days, the water in the village wells rose and fell, rose and fell. There were deep cracks that appeared in **repetition**. At least one well had some smelly gas coming out of it. Chickens and even pigs were too nervous to eat, and dogs refused to go inside buildings. Mice ran out of the fields looking for places to hide, and fish jumped out of the water. At about 3:00 a.m., on 28 July 1976, bright lights were seen in the sky outside the city of Tangshan and loud noises were heard. But the city's one million people were asleep as usual that night.

To impress readers deeply



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Para.1 **before** the earthquake

What were people doing that night?

warning signs
before the
earthquake

thought little of

People were
asleep **as**
usual

extreme damage

Scanning Para.2-3 **extreme damage during** the earthquake

described by data

To make the information convincing

- ❖ 1/3 of the nation felt the earthquake.
- ❖ A huge crack, 8 kilometers long and 30 meters wide, cut across houses, roads and waterways.
- ❖ In less than 1 minute, a large city lay in ruins.
- ❖ 2/3 of the people who lived there were dead or injured.
- ❖ The number of people who were killed or badly injured in quake was more than 400,000.
- ❖ About 75% of the city's factories and buildings, 90% of its homes, and **all** of its hospital were gone.

Sentences to appreciate

To present vivid pictures

1. Hard hills of rock became rivers of dirt . **methaphor**
2. Bricks covered the ground like red autumn leaves ,
but no wind could blow them away. **simile**



People began to wonder how long the disaster would last.



People felt

anxious
shocked
helpless
scared/terrified
desperate/hopeless

...

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Para.4 rescue after the earthquake

But **hope** was not lost.

- ▶ The army sent 150,000 soldiers to...
- ▶ Most than 10,000 doctors and nurses came to...
- ▶ Workers built shelters for...
- ▶ Water and food were brought into ...

various help
from all
over the
country

Slowly, the city began to **breathe** again.

revive

To give people hope

personification



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Para.5 revival after the earthquake

topic sentence

Tangshan started to revive itself and get back up on its feet.

With strong support from **the government** and the tireless efforts of **the city's people**, a new Tangshan was built upon the earthquake ruins. The new city **has become** a home to more than seven million people, with great improvements in transportation, industry, and environment. Tangshan city **has proved** to China and the rest of the world that in times of disaster, people must unify and show the wisdom to stay positive and rebuild for a brighter future.

reasons

results

conclusion

Further-thinking

What makes Tangshan develop so fast?





Further-thinking

What makes Tangshan develop so fast?

strong support from the government

tireless efforts of the city's people

various help from the whole nation

unify



Pair work

Suppose you were a survivor of the Tangshan earthquake in 1976, would you please share your experience with us? Please discuss with your partner.

Supportive words and expressions:

I remembered there were... before the quake, but...

It was terrible when...

I felt shocked/frightened/hopeless/desperate..., because...

It seemed as if ...

Luckily, ...



Further-thinking

Why do you think the earthquake caused such great damage to the city and its people?

- It was a 7.8 magnitude earthquake, which was very destructive.
- It happened in the small hours, when people were enjoying a sound sleep.
- An unexpected big aftershock struck Tangshan afterwards.
- People paid little attention to the warning signs.
- ...

Discussion

If one day we come across an earthquake, what should we do to protect ourselves?

- stay calm
- go to an open space
- drop down onto...
- cover the head with...
- stay away from...
- hide under...
- hold on to...
- call... if possible
- ...



Homework

Write your story and advice down, and share them with your friends on the blog. Try to use what we've learnt in class.

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正

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It is a terrible experience for me. I remembered there were some strange signs before the quake. For example, ... But we...

If one day you come across an earthquake, first of all, you should...

Thank You

