

TONGA TSUNAMI

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TONGA TRYING TO CLEAN UP AFTER TSUNAMI AND



A cleanup operation has begun in Tonga after the island nation was hit by a tsunami and covered in volcanic ash at the weekend. The Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai under-sea volcano erupted on Saturday. Experts believe it was the world's biggest volcanic eruption in over 30 years. It sent tsunami waves across the Pacific to Japan and the U.S. coast. It also destroyed large parts of Tonga. Islanders are now trying to restore services and normal life to the country. However, the ash is making this difficult. A lot of the rescue and recovery work cannot go ahead until the ash has been cleared. It has buried many buildings. It is also blocking many of the country's roads.

Tonga's government called the eruption from the volcano and the tsunami "unprecedented". It said the twin disasters have severely affected life on the island. There is no Internet because the only underwater cable connecting Tonga to the World Wide Web was cut by the eruption. Engineers are trying to restore full communications. It is also difficult to fly aid into the country because the airport is damaged. Tonga's government is worried that rescue efforts may bring COVID-19 into the country. Tonga shut its borders to international arrivals in 2020. It said it was "covid-free" before the tsunami. It now fears international aid workers could bring a "tsunami of COVID-19" into the country.

CHAT

ISLAND	1
VOLCANO	2
ASH	3
BORDER	4
DISASTER	5
COMMUNICATION	6
INTERNET	7

DISCUSSION

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'volcano'?
3. What do you know about this story?
4. What do you know about Tonga?
5. How can we help the people of Tonga?
6. What do you think of tsunami?
7. What should people do in a tsunami?
8. Have you ever experienced a natural disaster?
9. How would you cope if a natural disaster hit your town?
10. What advice do you have for people in Tonga?

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Passive voice
- Active voice



RANKING

Rank these with your partner. Put the most necessary things in a natural disaster at the top.

- Internet
- Blankets
- Tents
- Medicine
- Radios
- Clothes
- Snacks
- Food

Write your reasons to explain:

1- _____

2- _____

3- _____

VOCABULARY (PARAGRAPH 1)

Tonga's government called the eruption from the volcano and the tsunami "unprecedented".

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| 1) Operation | A. Completely damaged. |
| 2) Covered | B. Put back as it was before. |
| 3) Eruption | C. An organized activity involving a number of people. |
| 4) Destroyed | D. Put or hide under the ground; covered. |
| 5) Restore | E. Hidden underneath a layer of something. |
| 6) Rescue | F. The action of a volcano forcing out ash, gas and lava. |
| 7) Buried | G. Save someone from a dangerous or difficult situation. |

VOCABULARY (PARAGRAPH 2)



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| 1) Unprecedented | A. Help. |
| 2) Severely | B. Never done or known before. |
| 3) Cable | C. In a great (bad) way. |
| 4) Border | D. A line between two countries. |
| 5) Arrivals | E. People coming into a country via its airports or sea ports. |
| 6) Fears | F. A thick wire rope to send electricity, Internet signals and... |
| 7) Aid | G. Bad feelings and big worries caused by danger, pain, or harm. |



WRITE YOUR OWN QUESTIONS!

STUDENT'S QUESTIONS

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____

ROLE PLAY

A lot of the rescue and recovery work cannot go ahead until the ash has been cleared.

You think the Internet is the most important thing to have in a natural disaster. Tell the others three reasons why.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

You think tents are the most important things to have in a natural disaster. Tell the others three reasons why.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

You think medicine is the most important thing to have in a natural disaster. Tell the others three reasons why.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

WRITE WHAT YOU HEAR!



Track 01



Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words.

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Volcano

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- Rosa Parks

Tsunami


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WRITING

Write about **Tonga tsunami** for 10 minutes.

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