EXTENDED WRITING: EARTHQUAKES

B2 | Adults / Teens | Discussion Writing | 20-30 minutes | Set 2

Write developed answers. Support your ideas with reasons, examples, or a personal experience.

1. What is the last earthquake you remember? Talk about it.

2. How prepared are you for a major earthquake?

3. What happens during an earthquake?

4. What would you do if an earthquake happened right now?

5. Which natural disaster do you fear most, and why?

6. How has living in an earthquake-prone place affected your life?

7. Will scientists one day be able to predict earthquakes? Why or why not?

8. How can cities prepare for disasters? Are we doing enough?

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Possible B2 answers: Notice how each response gives a clear idea and support.

1. What is the last earthquake you remember? Talk about it.

Example: The last earthquake I remember was small, but it still made the windows shake and reminded me how quickly a normal day can change.

2. How prepared are you for a major earthquake?

Example: I have basic supplies at home, but I would like to improve my emergency plan and make sure my family knows where to meet.

3. What happens during an earthquake?

Example: During an earthquake, the ground shakes, objects can fall, and people may lose power or phone service. The effects depend on the strength and location.

4. What would you do if an earthquake happened right now?

Example: If I were indoors, I'd drop to my hands and knees, cover my head and neck under a sturdy table, and hold on until the shaking stopped.

5. Which natural disaster do you fear most, and why?

Example: I fear severe flooding most because it can develop quickly and affect large areas.

6. How has living in an earthquake-prone place affected your life?

Example: Living in an earthquake-prone place has made me more aware of emergency supplies and evacuation routes.

7. Will scientists one day be able to predict earthquakes? Why or why not?

Example: I am not sure exact prediction will be possible. Early-warning systems detect earthquakes after they start; they do not predict them.

8. How can cities prepare for disasters? Are we doing enough?

Example: Cities need strong building standards, clear evacuation plans and regular public education. Many places could still invest more in preparation.