



Anne: What's the scariest thing that ever happened to you?

Margarette: Surviving the San Jose earthquake.

Anne: You were in San Jose earthquake? Tell me what happened?

Margarette: Well, I was living in an apartment downtown with my friend, Julia and we were still asleep on a Tuesday morning. After 6 o'clock there was a horrible sound. The floor is bouncing and rolling at the same time.

Anne: My gosh!

Margarette: It took a second or two to figure out what was happening I called my friend Julia but she covered herself with a blanket.

Anne: Whoa...

Margarette: It lasted about 24 seconds and there was an aftershock. Our 5th floor apartment was on the ground. People called and told us to go out. It's too high up we said. But they said " Not Anymore!".

Anne: That must have been horrifying.

Margarette: We went out and the first floor was totally flattened. Mr. Sanchez the old man in the first floor didn't survive. We burst into tears.

VOCABULARY WORDS

figure out
aftershock
horrifying
flattened

LET'S TALK

1) Choose two of these disasters below. What aid will you give if you are the president of the country?

- a) a volcanic eruption in the Philippines
- b) an earthquake in northern China in January
- c) floods in Queensland, Australia
- d) a typhoon in Hong Kong

2) What are the common disaster suffered in your country?

3) How do you prepare for such disasters?

4) What are the common aid provided by your government in such situations?