

Earthquakes in Taiwan

Reading Worksheet — Level C |
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Taiwan has many earthquakes. An earthquake is when the **ground** shakes. Taiwan is on top of two **plates** in the earth. When these plates move, the ground shakes.



Most earthquakes are very small. You might not even **feel** them. But sometimes they are big. Big earthquakes can knock things off tables. Pictures on walls might fall down.

Schools teach children what to do. You should **drop** to the ground. Then you should **cover** your head under a desk. Hold on until the shaking stops. This is called "Drop, Cover, Hold On."

Buildings in Taiwan are made to be **strong**. They can bend a little during an earthquake. Taipei 101 has a giant ball that helps keep it **safe**. Engineers work hard to protect buildings.

After an earthquake, check if you are okay. Help others who need help. **Earthquakes** are part of life in Taiwan. People learn to be **prepared** and stay calm.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. ground ____ | a. big pieces of the earth that move |
| 2. plates ____ | b. not easy to break |
| 3. feel ____ | c. not in danger |
| 4. drop ____ | d. people who design buildings |
| 5. cover ____ | e. to notice with your body |
| 6. strong ____ | f. when the ground shakes |
| 7. safe ____ | g. ready for something |
| 8. earthquakes ____ | h. to get down low |
| 9. prepared ____ | i. to protect yourself |
| 10. engineers ____ | j. the earth under your feet |

B. True or False

1. Taiwan never has earthquakes. ____
2. Earthquakes happen when plates move. ____
3. All earthquakes are very big. ____
4. You should run outside during an earthquake. ____
5. Schools teach what to do in earthquakes. ____
6. Buildings in Taiwan are made to be strong. ____
7. Taipei 101 has a special ball inside. ____
8. You should stand up during shaking. ____
9. People should be prepared for earthquakes. ____

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: ground, plates, drop, cover, strong, safe, prepared

1. An earthquake is when the _____ shakes.
2. Taiwan is on top of two _____ in the earth.
3. You should _____ to the ground.
4. Buildings in Taiwan are made to be _____.
5. People learn to be _____ and stay calm.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. What is an earthquake?
2. Why does Taiwan have earthquakes?
3. What should you do during an earthquake?
4. How are Taiwan's buildings made?
5. What should you do after an earthquake?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever felt an earthquake?
2. Why is it important to know what to do?
3. What makes you feel safe at school or home?

Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-e, 2-f, 3-g, 4-h, 5-a, 6-i, 7-c, 8-j, 9-b, 10-d

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-F, 4-F, 5-T, 6-T, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-ground, 2-plates, 3-drop, 4-strong, 5-prepared

D. Comprehension:

1. When the ground shakes
2. It sits on two plates that move
3. Drop, Cover, Hold On
4. Strong and can bend a little
5. Check if you are okay, help others