

Lesson 81: Disasters

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

David: I heard you were in Vietnam. Were you there during the hurricane?

Keiko: I was. It hit Saigon right in the middle of my vacation.

David: Did you have to evacuate the city?

Keiko: No. Everyone stayed indoors until the storm passed. Half the city had no electricity.

Unfortunately, the hotel didn't have a power generator.

David: That sounds terrible. How did you manage to **kill time**?

Keiko: I was trapped in the disaster area so I slept all day.

David: You must have been so bored and itching to go out.

Keiko: I hadn't had such a long, restful sleep in a long time. It turned out to be the best vacation of my life.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. My flight was delayed. I **killed time** by reading a book.
2. A: Would you like to grab some coffee? B: Sure. I've got some **time to kill**.
3. The children played guessing games to **kill time** during the long drive to the beach.

* kill time / 時間つぶしをする

3. Your Task

You are at a ski resort enjoying a vacation. You have just seen a big pile of snow fall off the mountain, causing an avalanche. There may be people trapped in the snow. Call the emergency rescue service (=your tutor) and report this incident.

4. Let's Talk

What was the biggest natural disaster that you've experienced?

How did you recover from such a bad event?

What lessons did you learn from this experience?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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