

Lesson 81: Disasters

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1. Dialogue

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

Linda: Weren't you in the Philippines during that massive typhoon? What was it called again?

Daiki: Typhoon Haiyan, the biggest storm in history. Yes, I was there. Fortunately, I was quite far from the devastated island of Tacloban.

Linda: How bad was it?

Daiki: You can call it a disaster of epic proportions. An entire city was wiped out.

Linda: It must have been heart-breaking to watch the news.

Daiki: It was. It inspired me to volunteer as a medical aide. I also asked for donations from my relatives and friends in Japan.

Linda: That's a really nice thing to do.

Daiki: It felt good to be helping them. I also witnessed how resilient Filipino people are. Days after the storm, the victims **pulled themselves together** and started to rebuild their homes.

Linda: I saw some photos of the islanders after the storm. The city was in total ruin but the Filipinos were still smiling ear-to-ear.

Daiki: Yeah. It's amazing how they could stay happy despite what happened.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. **Pull yourself together!**
2. Jack **pulled himself together** and got through the problem.
3. She was a total mess when her boyfriend proposed to her. But she **pulled herself together** and said yes.

* pull oneself together / 立ち直る、自分を取り戻す

3. Your Task

You are a news reporter and your assignment is to report about a big storm that just happened in your city.

Tell your TV audience (=your tutor) about the devastation in the city.

4. Let's Talk

What is 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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