



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 six 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 for 24 seconds and there was an aftershock.

Our fifth 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.

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A. Choose two of these disasters:

- 1. a volcanic eruption in the Philippines**
- 2. an earthquake in northern China in January**
- 3. floods in Queensland, Australia.**
- 4. a typhoon in Hong Kong.**

B. You are the President of Japan. What aid will you give? Why?

[Activity](#)

- 1. What are the common disaster suffered by your people?**
- 2. How do you prepare for such disasters?**
- 3. What are the common aid provided by your government in such situations?**