

CEFR Illustrative Tasks: Reading

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The Terrible Iniki

This is a text about a terrible storm in Kauai, one of the Hawaiian islands. In the text there are gaps where something has been left out. Read the text and look at the five alternatives for each gap. Decide which one fits the gap and circle your choice.

Example

This is a text about a storm called Iniki, which has been called the worst storm of the last x.

A people

B building

C future

(D) century

weather

Iniki has been called the worst storm of the 20th century. Winds were clocked at over 200 mph on a ridge on the south-western shore of the island and then the wind gauge blew away. Waves and high winds seriously damaged homes, businesses, and resorts, leaving thousands without shelter.

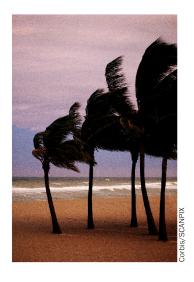
As the wind subsided, residents and tourists left their shelters to survey the damage done by the storm. No area of the land was spared. There was devastation everywhere. Where 1 there were lush rainforests, now in many places there were barren hillsides without a tint of green, stripped of the multi-colored mantle of foliage that gave the Garden Island its nickname.

For some, the loss was almost total. 2 that had stood for decades were ripped from their foundations and the belongings of the owners scattered by the wind never to be 3 again.

But amidst all of the loss, damage and suffering almost

arose the enduring spirit of "aloha" that makes this
island and all her people so special. As they began to
emerge from their homes and survey the scene, it became
clear that the damage was only temporary and the spirit
of these remarkable people was permanent. There was
very 5 complaining. People began the work of clearing
away the debris from the neighbors' homes.

Everyone shared what they had without expecting payment or even thanks. It was as if there was some unwritten law that if you had something your neighbor needed, you 6 it.



- 1 A presently
 - B once
 - C seldom
 - D never
 - E frequently
- 2 A Homes
 - B Gardens
 - C Residents
 - D Lawns
 - E Neighbors
- 3 A heard
 - B lost
 - C seen
 - D owned
 - E sold
- 4 A gradually
 - B always
 - C immediately
 - D never
 - E indefinitely
- 5 A much
 - B little
 - C loud
 - D slow
 - E happy
- 6 A claimed
 - B invented
 - C bought
 - D took
 - E offered

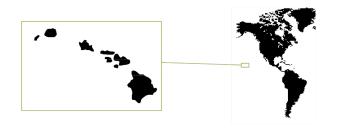
Residents and long time fans of the island always knew that there was something different about Kauai, but it wasn't until the disaster of Iniki that it became 7 to everybody what it was.

Island residents weren't the 8 people helping to clean up after the storm. The spirit of giving and helping is contagious in Kauai. Guests from all over the world pitched in and helped with the clean-up. They helped clear the sidewalks of broken tree limbs and debris. They covered 9 windows with plastic. For two days two gentlemen from New Zealand led a team that removed televisions, stereos and speakers from damaged or vacated units, then carted them to the club-house for storage. They were so diligent in their 10 that other guests thought they were official staff.

During the first three days after the hurricane people actually found they had 11 time to meet fellow residents. Because there wasn't any electricity nobody sat inside watching television in the evening. 12, they were outside sitting around a campfire telling stories and preparing meals on the campfire or on a grill. Many people probably became lifelong friends.

This was also the first opportunity people had to 13 the good services which the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the National Guard provide for disaster victims. Resort guests didn't need many of these services, 14 residents of the north shore certainly did.

Read through the text and make sure your answers fit in the text.



- Α close
 - obvious
 - different
 - D false
 - serious
- 8 only Α
 - few
 - native \mathbf{C}
 - D voung
 - foreign
- Α dirty
 - - В new
 - \mathbf{C} expensive
 - D broken
 - stolen
- 10 Α rest
 - В work
 - \mathbf{C} income
 - D visit
 - Е time
- 11 Α no
 - В bad
 - C paid D less
 - more
- 12 Although Α
 - Unfortunately
 - \mathbf{C} Instead
 - D Besides
 - Finally
- 13 experience Α
 - forget R
 - C record
 - D deny
 - recall
- 14 Α when
 - R if
 - C because
 - but D
 - since

Answer key: 1-B, 2-A, 3-C, 4-C, 5-B, 6-E, 7-B, 8-A, 9-D, 10-B, 11-E, 12-C, 13-A, 14-D.