

A newspaper article

1 Look at the following notes. What are they about?



Project – Disasters

Notes on earthquake

Date: 7/9/1999

Time: 14.57

Location: Athens - Greece

Magnitude: 5.9

Number of victims:

- 143 people were killed
- 700 people were injured

Witnesses: Heleni Denou, 13

Lives in Nea Smyrni - Athens

Was at home

Her description:

- Kids / set the table
- Mum / serve lunch
- Dad / talk on the phone
- House / start shaking
- Plates / books / fall off
- Under the kitchen table
- She: terrified / Sister: crying
- Telephones / go dead
- After the earthquake / go downstairs / lots of people in shock
- Next day: watch the news / see the victims / cry.

My Portfolio

2 You are going to write an article about a disaster in Greece with your partner. In pairs, look at the notes and do the following:

a. Plan your writing. You can have 3 paragraphs.

Paragraph 1:

THE FACTS

- what / when / where
- victims

Paragraph 2:

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WITNESS

Paragraph 3:

DESCRIPTION OF

- the disaster
- people's feelings

b. Decide on

- the events in progress before the earthquake.
- the main events.
- the tenses you need.
- the vocabulary you need.

c. Write your first draft. Look at the article about the tsunami for help.