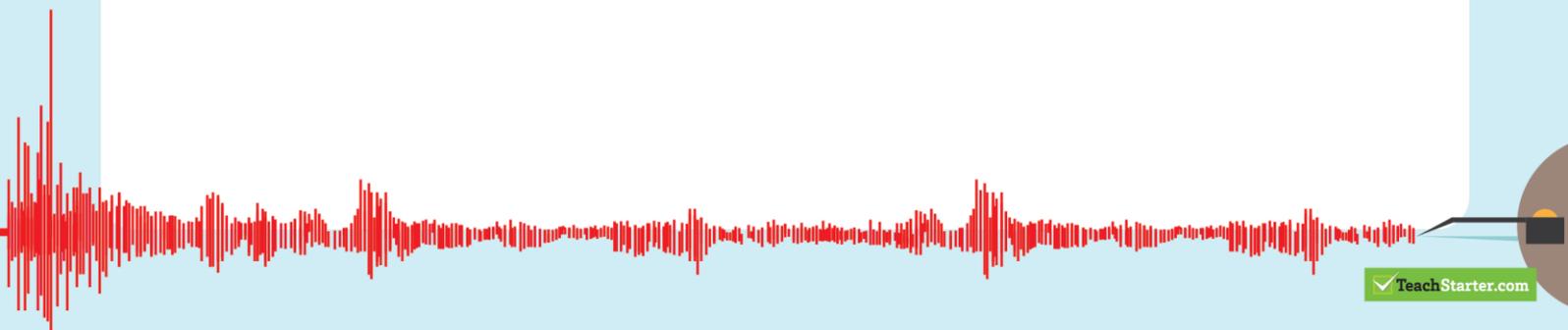


Trembleton Experiences Mild Earthquake

In the early hours of Saturday morning, around 2:20 am, an earthquake struck the city of Trembleton. The earthquake, while only small, woke many people from their sleep. It also caused objects on shelves to shake and rattle. Some households have reported that precious items have been broken.

Betty Bothersome, aged 64, stated: "I heard my best china teapot shaking wildly on the shelf. At first, I thought that someone had broken into my house and was trying to steal it! Then I felt the ground shaking beneath me. I am so pleased that my teapot survived the tremors!"

Although many residents were frightened and shocked by this unusual event, no one was hurt by the earthquake. Residents have been warned that aftershocks of the earthquake may continue over the following days and weeks.



Name: _____

Date: _____

Recalling Facts

The facts are what actually happened and can be proven to be true.

1. Read the first paragraph of the newspaper article.

Using pencils and a ruler:

- a) Underline facts about WHAT happened in red pencil.
- b) Underline facts about WHEN it happened in green pencil.
- c) Underline facts about WHERE it happened in blue pencil.

2. Write these facts into the correct column of the table below.

What	When	Where

Name: _____

Date: _____

Recalling Facts

3. Three things happened when the earthquake hit Trembleton.

What were they?

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

4. Write one fact about the earthquake that Betty Bothersome mentions in her statement.

5. Which of the following statements about the Trembleton earthquake are facts? Underline them.

a) The earthquake hit Trembleton early on Tuesday morning.

b) The earthquake was only small.

c) No precious items were broken during the earthquake.

d) Betty Bothersome could feel the ground shaking beneath her.

e) Many residents of the town were frightened by the earthquake.

f) Earthquakes happen all the time in Trembleton.

g) People were hurt during the earthquake.

h) The residents may experience aftershocks from the earthquake.

6. How many different facts can you find in this newspaper article?

Make a tally. Compare your answer with one of your classmates.

Answers

1. See table below.
- 2.

What	When	Where
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- an earthquake- woke people from their sleep- caused objects to shake- broke precious items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- in the early hours of Saturday morning- around 2:20 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- the city of Trembleton

3. Many people were woken from their sleep, objects on shelves began to shake and rattle, some precious items were broken.

4. Acceptable answers include:

Her best china teapot was shaking on the shelf, the ground was shaking beneath her, her teapot survived the tremors.

5. The earthquake was only small.

Betty Bothersome could feel the ground shaking beneath her.

Many residents of the town were frightened by the earthquake.

The residents may experience aftershocks from the earthquake.