

Martin is reading a webpage about typhoons.



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Strong Typhoons

Hong Kong is located in the subtropical area.

There are four to eight typhoons affecting Hong Kong each year on average. In August 1962, a strong typhoon, Wanda, hit Hong Kong and caused 183 deaths. More than 70,000 people became homeless **as** many trees, houses and buildings collapsed. Many boats sank and a lot of cars were

broken. In the New Territories, farmers suffered a great loss as their farmlands and crops were destroyed. Also a large number of trees were uprooted. The severe damage Wanda caused made **it** one of the most well-known typhoons to Hong Kong people.



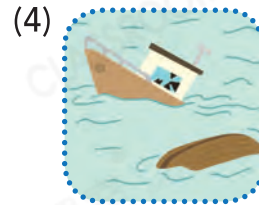
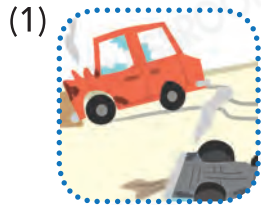
Over the past decades, the government has worked hard to reduce the damage of typhoons. For example, there is regular maintenance work on trees, slopes, rivers and drainage systems. The effects of landslides and flooding are then reduced. Moreover, temporary shelters are open to people who do not have a safe place to stay in.

In 2016, another strong typhoon, Nida, hit Hong Kong but it caused relatively mild damage. After years of hard work, flooding in low-lying areas was less serious and the number of injuries decreased significantly. Although typhoons do not affect us as much as they did before, we should always stay alert to ensure our own safety.

A Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. Read line 8. The word 'as' can be replaced by '_____'.
 A. or B. so C. but D. because

2. What damage did Typhoon Wanda cause in Hong Kong?



- A. (1), (2) and (4) B. (1), (3) and (4)
 C. (2), (3) and (4) D. All of the above

3. Read line 12. The pronoun 'it' refers to _____.

- A. Wanda B. Hong Kong
 C. a farmland D. a well-known person

4. Why did Nida cause mild damage only?

- A. Nida was not as strong as Wanda.
 B. There was no flooding in low-lying areas.
 C. The government did a lot of work to prevent damage.
 D. People were very alert and they stayed at home all day.

- ★ 5. According to the webpage, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. Typhoons cause more trouble nowadays.
 B. Hong Kong is located in the tropical area.
 C. Nida did not cause any damage to Hong Kong.
 D. The drainage systems are checked regularly these years.

Q5

Highlight the key words in each statement. Read the passage again to check the options.

B Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- ★ 6. Where can homeless people stay now when there is a typhoon?

7. How should people react to typhoons?

Q6

What does the word 'homeless' mean?