



Unit 4 News article

Cherry is reading a news article. Read the news article.

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Flooding in Tai O Causes Major Damage

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Affected by Typhoon Lily, residents in Tai O experienced heavy floods and strong winds yesterday. The storm brought **record-breaking** rainfall to Hong Kong, flooding the low-lying villages in Tai O.

At 10 am yesterday, when Typhoon Lily **approached** Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Observatory hoisted Typhoon Signal No. 8 to warn citizens about the danger of the storm. Coastal areas were the first and most impacted areas. Located in a low-lying area on Lantau Island, villages in Tai O were seriously damaged by flooding and landslides. A number of houses were flooded and fallen trees were everywhere. Most shops had to close afterwards.

‘I was terrified by the mess. I’ve never seen such damage in my life. My house fell apart and now I have nowhere to stay,’ said Mr Chung, a Tai O local. ‘Electricity was cut off. Mud was everywhere in my house. But luckily, the cupboards and

shelves were fine. We stored most of our food and clothes in them where the water can’t reach. At least we still have **adequate** food to eat and clothes to wear,’ said Mrs Tam, another Tai O villager.

This morning, groups of volunteers from non-profit organisations, such as the Salvation Army and Red Cross, helped villagers clear the **debris** and rainwater trapped in their houses. The government has also sent a team of helpers to remove the fallen trees. Community centres in Tai O will remain open for residents who are affected by the storm. Volunteers and government helpers have also been sent to these centres to provide materials and **assistance**.



Record-breaking (adj.) means ‘better, greater or higher than any previous records’.



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Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.



- Which of the following is TRUE about Typhoon Lily?
 - A. It caused the strongest winds recorded in Tai O.
 - B. It was the strongest typhoon in Hong Kong's history.
 - C. It brought the heaviest rainfall to Hong Kong on record.
 - D. The Hong Kong Observatory issued the highest typhoon warning.
- Why was Tai O affected heavily by the storm?
 - A. There were lots of wooden houses.
 - B. It is an area which is near sea level.
 - C. Residents there were not well-prepared.
 - D. Many shops were not closed until the typhoon came.
- What happened to Mrs Tam's house?
 - A. It fell apart.
 - B. Everything inside was wet.
 - C. The lights went off because of the power cut.
 - D. The furniture in it was all damaged.
- In paragraph 3, the word '**adequate**' means '_____'.
 - A. not enough
 - B. enough
 - C. too much
 - D. too little

Tip

Q2: Which sentence in paragraph 2 tells the reason?

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Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- What did the government do to help Tai O residents after the storm?

- Where can Tai O residents go if they have no places to stay after the storm?

Fill in each blank with ONE word from the news article. Change the word form when necessary.

Helpers from different charitable 7. _____ went to Tai O this morning to help villagers clean up the 8. _____. They also helped clear the fallen trees and 9. _____ that blocked the major roads in the villages...