

EARTHQUAKES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What comes to mind when you hear the word 'earthquake'?
- 2) Have you ever experienced an earthquake or tremor?
- 3) Do you think an earthquake is the world's scariest natural disaster?
- 4) What should you do the second an earthquake hits?
- 5) Why do you think people live in areas that have lots earthquakes?
- 6) Would you move to a city like Tokyo or San Francisco, where a huge earthquake could strike at any time?
- 7) What would you put in your emergency earthquake bag?
- 8) What do you think when you see news reports of earthquakes?
- 9) Why do earthquakes happen?
- 10) What's the difference between a magnitude 6 and 7 earthquake?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) What do you know about earthquakes?
- 2) What is your earliest memory of earthquakes (a movie, a story in a book, the real thing...)?
- 3) What would happen to your town if a big earthquake struck?
- 4) What would you do if an earthquake struck right now?
- 5) Do you know where the emergency shelters are in your town (for earthquakes or other natural disasters)?
- 6) Scientists say animals know hours before that an earthquake will strike. How do you think this is possible?
- 7) Do you think scientists will one day be able to make totally earthquake-proof buildings and cities?
- 8) What is the worst earthquake you've seen on the news?
- 9) Do you like earthquake disaster movies?
- 10) Have you ever sent money to earthquake victims (or victims of any other natural disaster)?

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