The Earthquake
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1. What colour were Gabriel’s eyes?
2. Was he happy?
3. Gabriel wanted to be as ___________ as Marco.
4. Gabriel thought: Silvia thinks I am _________ and _________, but __________.
5. Gabriel had two tickets for a ________.
6. What did he have on the table?
7. How long did it take for Gabriel to get to Silvia’s flat?
8. Was she happy when she saw him?
9. What day was it?
10. Did Silvia remember about going to the movie with Gabriel?
11. Silvia had beautiful blond hair.   True    False
12. Gabriel said, Marco is rich but he is a __________  __________.
13. What did he do with the rose?
14. Who did Gabriel see on the stairs?
15. How many roses did he have?
16. Was it a cool evening?
17. What were the young men and women doing?
18. What did Gabriel decide to do?
19. Was it crowded outside the cinema?
20. What happened at 8.27 pm?
1. Where was Marco standing?
2. Who was he watching?
3. Marco said: Silvia, you look ______________.
4. Was this true?
5. Was Silvia ready to go out?
6. What did Marco do?
7. Everything in the flat looked ______________.
8. Who did Silvia live with?
9. Before her father died, did they have a lot of money?
10. Were they rich now?
11. Mrs Delgado was sick. True False
12. Did Marco think the family was rich?
13. When Mrs Delgado asked who was there, what did Silvia say?
14. Why?
15. Silvia came into the room ____ ________ later.
16. How did she look?
17. Was she wearing jeans?
18. Marco said, “We are going to have a ____________, ____________ evening.
19. Outside it was very ______.
20. Did Marco drive fast?
21. What did Silvia think about Gabriel?
22. They were going to the best, most expensive restaurant in ________.
23. How far away was it?
24. Inside the restaurant it was almost dark. True false.
25. There was loud music playing. True False
26. Marco and Silvia were shown to a table near the ____________.
27. Was Marco happy about this?
28. Marco demanded a table near the ____________.
29. What did the manager say?
30. People began to _______ ____ Marco?
31. How did Silvia feel about this?
32. What did she do?
33. Where was the washroom?
34. What happened at 8.27?
1. What was happening?
2. There was a __________ noise.
3. Perhaps the noise and the shaking came from a ________ .
4. Suddenly, the lights went __________ and people started to __________ .
5. What did she think when she realised it was an earthquake? _____, _____, _____, _____!
6. The people in the restaurant tried to ______ .
7. What happened to the restaurant?
8. Where was Marco?
9. Suddenly Silvia remembered her __________.
10. How did Silvia get out of the garden?
11. The street was crowded. True   False.
12. Everybody wanted to get away from the buildings and out into the __________ .
13. Did the cars stop for her?
14. Write three things that Silvia saw around her as she tried to walk back to her home.

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15. What had happened to the hotel?
16. What happened to the cinema?
17. Who might have been inside the cinema?
18. Where was the Delgados’ building?
19. What were Silvia’s neighbours doing?
20. Did Silvia’s building look safe?
21. What did a man tell Silvia when she started going into her building?
22. Did she stop?
23. What was it like inside the building?
24. Was Silvia’s mother there?
1. Where did Silvia sit down?

2. What did she do?

3. What did she look for in her bedroom?

4. What did she hear when she was in her bedroom?

5. Why couldn’t she stay in the building?

6. Silvia was worried about three people. Who were they?

7. Suddenly, she saw her ____________, Mr Enrique.

8. He was very upset. True False

9. What did he start to do?

10. What question did Silvia ask Mr Enrique?

11. At first he said, “I don’t know, _____ _____ ____________”. 

12. Then, what did he tell her about Mr Garcia?

13. At first, Mr Enrique didn’t remember where they had gone. True False

14. Then he said they had gone to ___________ __________.

15. Why had they gone there?

16. Silvia said she would help Mr Enrique, but he said, “You can’t help me. I _____ _____ _____ __________. My ________, my _______ . . .”

17. What did Silvia have to take to her mother?

18. Where were they?

19. What did Silvia do?

20. Was it dangerous?

21. What did she put into a big bag?

22. It was a Long way to ___________ __________. Silvia started _________.

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1. Where was Gabriel when the earthquake happened?
2. Why was he safe?
3. Why didn’t Gabriel see the buildings fall or hear the screams?
4. What did he hear after a long time?
5. What question did she ask?
6. What did Gabriel try to do?
7. What injury had he suffered?
8. Who did he think of first?
9. Where were they?
10. Who did he think of next?
11. Who could he help?
12. What did he decide to do?
13. He started to walk but he felt terribly ________.
14. He nearly fell. True False
15. How many people were there in the street?
16. “Everything went black.” What does this mean?
17. Where was Gabriel when he woke up?
18. How many people were waiting for help?
19. Do they have enough medicine?
20. Is it safe inside the hospital?
21. What did the nurse tell Gabriel to do?
22. Who did he remember?
23. What did he have to do?
24. What did he do?
1. Did Silvia like walking?
2. How did she usually get around?
3. She had a sore ________ .
4. Why did people want to leave the city?
5. Who did Silvia talk to?
6. How many people were inside the Grand Hotel?
7. The supermarket is a ________ .
8. According to a man, which area was worse hit than the centre?
9. What happened to the Oasis Restaurant?
10. Who was alright?
11. Who did the man help to rescue?
12. Did he say thank you to the people who helped him?
13. What was he worried about?
14. Why did Silvia think she was a stupid girl?
15. Who did she love?
16. What happened at midnight?
17. What time did Silvia arrive at Liberty Park?
18. How many people were there?
19. Why couldn’t she see very well?
20. Who did Silvia start looking for?
21. Who called out her name?
22. Where was Mrs Delgado?
23. Why was she happy?
24. What did Silvia give her mother?
1. When did Gabriel arrive at the Delgados’ flat?

2. His arm still hurt __________ and he was __________ thirsty.

3. Where were most people?

4. How many men were at work nearby?

5. What can they hear?

6. What did Gabriel want to do?

7. Did the men let him?

8. Where did Gabriel go?

9. What did he find on the floor?

10. Was the door of the flat open or closed?

11. Who were in the flat?

12. What were they doing?

13. What was inside the box?

14. Why did Gabriel smile?

15. What did Gabriel decide to do?

16. What did he drink?

17. What did Gabriel do for the rest of that day and the next?

18. Where did he find food for the workers?

19. What could Gabriel hear?

20. Why was the child crying?

21. Who arrived on the third day?

22. Who came to take the boy away?
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Chapter 8  Home

1. What happened on the third day after the earthquake?

2. According to the newsreader, would there be another earthquake?

3. People were allowed to go _______ _______ _______ _________.

4. What did dangerous buildings have on the door?

5. What were some people worried about?

6. Who carried Mrs Delgado to the car?

7. Was she very heavy?

8. They had a short journey home. True False

9. In some places there were __________ across the road?

10. Who sat in the front of the car?

11. What was Silvia thinking about?

12. What wasn’t on their building?

13. What did she see in front of her door?

14. Who was it?

15. Gabriel woke up suddenly and thought it was another __________.

16. Then Silvia said his __________ .

17. Gabriel’s head felt _____ and his legs felt __________ .

18. He said, “____  ____  ____?  ____  ____  _________  ____?”

19. What did he have in his hand?

20. What did Silvia do and say?

21. Did everyone live happily ever after?
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Chapter 1 Two Tickets
1. brown
2. no
3. rich
4. kind nice boring
5. film
6. a red rose
7. an hour
8. no
9. Sunday
10. False
11. bad man
12. threw it onto the ground
13. Marco
14. 20
15. no (hot)
16. talking and laughing
17. go to the film by himself
18. yes
19. the earthquake happened

Chapter 2 A Table for Two
1. the door of Silvia’s flat
2. Gabriel
3. wonderful
4. no
5. nearly
6. got a drink and sat down
7. expensive
8. her mother
9. yes
10. no
11. True
12. yes
13. Gabriel
14. Mrs Delgado doesn’t like Marco.
15. ten minutes
16. beautiful hair, excited, pretty dress
17. no (a dress)
18. wonderful, wonderful
19. hot
20. yes
21. Gabriel hasn’t got a car.
22. town
23. two kilometres
24. True
25. False
26. kitchen
27. no
28. dancing
29. I’m sorry, sir
30. look at
31. embarrassed
32. went to the washroom
33. in a small garden
34. the earthquake happened

Answers

Chapter 3 Silvia’s Story
1. The ground was moving under Silvia’s feet.
2. terrible
3. plane
4. out scream
5. Oh, no, please, no!
6. run
7. the wall fell and the roof came down
8. in the restaurant
9. mother
10. How she climbed over a broken wall
11. True
12. country
13. no
14. rubble across the road, a roof fell behind her, a wall fell in front of her, red sky, black with fires, thick black smoke
15. It was a ruin.
16. The roof fell.
17. Gabriel
18. near the town centre
19. pulling at the rubble, looking for their families, screaming
20. yes
21. Don’t go in. It’s too dangerous.
22. no
23. dark
24. no

Chapter 4 Neighbours
1. on her mother’s bed
2. cried
3. better shoes
4. a loud noise, another building falling
5. It was too dangerous
6. her mother, Marco and Gabriel
7. neighbour
8. True
9. cry
10. Where’s my mother?
11. I can’t remember.
12. Mr Garcia, man from second floor, carried her down, put her in his car
13. True
14. Liberty Park
15. it was safe, away from buildings
16. haven’t got anything now wife home medicines
17. on the table next to her mother’s bed
18. an back into the flat
19. yes
20. warm clothes and medicine bottles
21. Liberty Park walking
Chapter 5  Gabriel’s Story
1. outside the Plaza
2. because he waited outside
3. Some rubble hit him on the head and he fell to the ground.
4. a woman
5. Is he dead?
6. sit up
7. a broken arm
8. my family
9. a long way away, in another town
10. Silvia
11. Mrs Delgado
12. go to the Delgados’ flat
13. weak
14. True
15. hundreds
16. He became unconscious.
17. in the garden of a hospital
18. thousands
19. no
20. no
21. don’t worry stay quietly and sleep
22. Silvia
23. go and find her
24. left the hospital and started to walk back into town

Chapter 6  Liberty Park
1. no
2. bus, taxi
3. back
4. get away from the dangerous buildings
5. a friendly woman
6. hundreds
7. ruin
8. the east area, near the Oasis Restaurant
9. It’s a ruin and a lot of people are dead.
10. the manager
11. Marco
12. no
13. his car
14. she didn’t love Marco, she didn’t even like him
15. Gabriel
16. another small earthquake
17. 12.30 am
18. thousands
19. the thick smoke
20. her mother
21. Mr Garcia
22. with Mr Garcia’s wife on the ground
23. because Silvia was safe
24. her medicines

Chapter 7  Thieves
1. early in the morning
2. badly terribly
3. out in the country
4. four or five
5. a child
6. help the men
7. no
8. up the stairs to the Delgados’ flat
9. his red rose
10. yes
11. two men
12. robbing the flat
13. jewellery
14. He saw Silvia’s dirty evening shoes.
15. stay there and look after the flat
16. milk
17. worked with the other men
18. in the shop at the end of the street
19. screams
20. for his mother
21. firemen
22. his father

Chapter 8  Home
1. Good news came to Liberty Park
2. no
3. back to their homes
4. a white cross
5. another earthquake
6. Mr Garcia
7. no
8. False
9. trees
10. Mr and Mrs Garcia
11. seeing Gabriel
12. a white cross
13. a man asleep
14. Gabriel
15. thief
16. name
17. hot weak
18. “Is it you? Is it really you?”
19. a dirty dead red rose
20. “Thank you, Gabriel. It’s beautiful”
21. ???