

Tuesday English News Report: Broadcast Date: Jan 7th, 2020

The news of late

Part I: Listen to the news item below being read out and fill in the missing words.

PM announces recovery effort in fire crisis that has 'months to go'

News as it happened

Conditions have eased in both Victoria and NSW, as temperatures drop and winds settle. Authorities in both states have warned the danger is far from over. These fires will continue to burn for weeks, and any **deterioration** in conditions will again place lives and property in **peril**. In NSW, temperatures are (1) forecast to reach the 40s again on Friday.

Three emergency (2) warnings remain active in Victoria. It has been hard for authorities there to (3) survey the damage, due to heavy smoke cover, and the lack of access to **isolated** communities.

Air (4) quality continued to be extremely poor in Canberra, where bushfire smoke caused the closure of multiple businesses, the cancellation of flights, the continued **suspension** of the postal service, and the movement of sporting teams and (5) events. The government has promised stocks of masks will be **replenished** today and tomorrow, following a shortage.

A clearer picture has emerged from the fires that tore through Kangaroo Island in South Australia. The fires caused significant damage to the island's (6) tourism industry, destroying businesses like the luxury Southern Ocean Lodge, and devastating the broader Flinders Chase wilderness area.

Thousands of people have been evacuated from coastal towns at the (7) peak of the summer holiday season, in one of the biggest coordinated operations since the **evacuation** of Darwin after Cyclone Tracy flattened the northern city in 1974.

An extraordinary outpouring of (8) support has continued to fuel donations to firefighters and the Red Cross.

The federal government announced an unprecedented call up of army reservists to support firefighters as well other resources including a third navy ship equipped for disaster and humanitarian relief.

Knowledge & thinking corner: What are the possible causes of the bushfires?



What are the impacts of bushfires? What can be done to prevent bushfires?



PART II: Complete the following headlines:

1. Hong Kong shaken awake as 3.4-magnitude **earthquake** rattles city.

2. Eight more Hong Kong patients sent to hospitals over Wuhan **pneumonia** fears

Health minister Sophia Chan reveals rise in suspected cases and reminds people not to visit wet markets on the mainland. Singapore has now reported its first suspected case of the mystery condition.

Part III: Pictures in the news



- (1) *What is she celebrating?*
New Year's Eve
- (2) *Which country celebrates this event first?* **small island nations of Tonga, Samoa, and Kiribati**



Tourists on a boat watch the eruption of the (a) **volcano** on (b) **New Zealand's** White Island on December 9, 2019.

- (a) *What erupted?*
- (b) *In which country?*
- *People from this country are nicknamed Kiwis and their rugby team All Blacks is famous.*

Part IV: Vocabulary and understanding meaning: Match the meaning and/or synonym (words with a similar or the same meaning) to the words which have been taken from the news items this month.

Column A: Word from news	Letter	Column B: Meaning or synonym
1. deterioration	B	A: stopping something from taking place
2. peril	E	B: the process of becoming worse/worsening
3. isolated	F	C: to stock up, replace things which have been used
4. suspension	A	D: the process of moving people to a safer place away from danger
5. replenish	C	E: danger
6. evacuation	D	F: far away from anything else

*** Keep your eye on the news!** 