



The Earthquake

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While reading

Chapters 1–2

1 Find the right words in Chapters 1–2.

- a You buy these before you go to a cinema or a concert. (p. 2)
- b You walk up and down these in a house or building. (p. 2)
- c You are this when you are not feeling well. (p. 4)
- d Something or someone that is nice to look at. (p. 5)
- e People who work in restaurants and bars. (p. 6)
- f You are this when you have a lot of things to do. (p. 7)
- g A place where you can use a toilet and wash your hands. (p. 7)

2 Circle the right words.

- a Gabriel had a *white / red / yellow* rose.
- b Gabriel went to Silvia's flat on *Sunday / Saturday / Friday* evening.
- c Marco had *ten / twenty / thirty* roses.
- d Marco had *old / new / expensive* clothes.
- e When Silvia opened the door to Marco she looked *wonderful / angry / unhappy*.
- f Marco had *two / one / three* drinks in Silvia's flat.
- g Silvia's mother *likes / doesn't like / hates* Marco.

Chapter 3

3 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

- a Silvia heard reberilt screams from the people in the restaurant.
- b People wanted to get out of the town and into the tocuynr
- c There was a big hccrhu clock in the town square.
- d Silvia's lunidibg was near the town centre.
- e The people that Silvia saw next to her home were her gornihuseb
- f Mrs Delgado was not in her odmoreb

4 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

- a She could see saw a lot of people in the restaurant.

- b Silvia suddenly remembered to her mother.
- c Silvia took her shoes off out and carried them.
- d She climbed through over the wall.
- e The hotel next to at the clock was a ruin.
- f Silvia's neighbours wanted to found find their families.
- g The lights in the house didn't worked work.

Chapters 4–5

5 What's first? Number the sentences, 1–6.

- a Gabriel broke his arm.
- b Gabriel heard the first sounds of the earthquake.
- c Gabriel started walking to Silvia's flat.
- d Gabriel started to walk back into town from the hospital.
- e Gabriel was in a hospital garden.
- f Some rubble hit Gabriel on the head.

6 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.

- | | |
|--------|-------------|
| better | quiet |
| loud | in front of |
| safe | last |
| behind | quickly |
| long | short |
| first | dangerous |
| slowly | light |
| dark | worse |

7 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Silvia went to get some better jeans from her bedroom.
- b Silvia's mother couldn't walk.
- c Mr Enriques was an old man.
- d Mr Enriques put Silvia's mother in his car.
- e Liberty Park was a safe place to be.
- f Liberty Park was near to Silvia's building.
- g It was safe inside the hospital.

8 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.

- a Silvia dress started off take her to
- b find to Silvia mother had her
- c Silvia arm old man her put round the
- d back ran Silvia flat into the



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- e family Gabriel's town lived another in
- f garden was hospital the of Gabriel in the

Chapter 6

9 Find the right words in Chapter 6.

- a A word for someone who is kind and talks to people. (p. 24)
- b A place where you can catch a train or a bus. (p. 25)
- c It is grey or black and comes from a fire. (p. 26)
- d When a man marries a woman, he is the husband and she is the (p. 27)
- e You are this when you think that something bad is going to happen. (p. 27)
- f People wear this. (p. 27)

10 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a Silvia usually caught a bus or took a train.
- b The cinema was alright but the supermarket was a ruin.
- c Marco wanted to see a manager.
- d Silvia was sad that Marco wasn't dead.
- e There was another earthquake at midday.
- f Mrs Delgado's face was red.

11 Finish the sentences with the right words.

- rubble baby hundreds medicines worried ground
- a of people were inside the Grand Hotel.
 - b The man's wife saw a
 - c Marco didn't help the people under the
 - d Mrs Delgado was very about Silvia.
 - e Mrs Delgado was on the
 - f Silvia gave her mother some

Chapter 7

12 Answer the questions.

- a When did Gabriel arrive at the Delgado's flat?
- b How many men did Gabriel see at work in the building next door?
- c Where did Gabriel find the red rose?
- d What did Gabriel see when he opened the box?
- e What did Gabriel drink in the kitchen?
- f Where did Gabriel find the food for the workers?
- g How old was the small boy in the street?

13 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.

- | | |
|--------|---------|
| think | ran |
| can | left |
| feel | could |
| run | forgot |
| fall | thought |
| take | wore |
| wear | found |
| forget | felt |
| leave | took |
| find | fell |

Chapter 8

14 Circle the right words.

- a *Safe / Dangerous / Old* buildings had a white cross on the door.
- b Many people were afraid of another *fire / accident / earthquake*.
- c Silvia and her mother got back to their flat in a *taxi / car / bus*.
- d Gabriel was asleep *behind / in front of / next to* Silvia's door.
- e Gabriel's clothes were *new / dirty / clean*.
- f Gabriel thought Silvia was a *thief / neighbour / doctor*.
- g Silvia thought the rose was *dead / big / beautiful*.



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1 What happened first? Number the sentences 1–10.

- a Silvia can't find her mother in her flat.
- b A man tells Silvia about Marco and what happened in the restaurant.
- c There is a big earthquake.
- d Silvia finds her mother in Liberty Park.
- e Silvia talks to her neighbour and learns her mother is in a park.
- f Gabriel invites Silvia to go to the cinema.
- g Mr Garcia takes Silvia and her mother home in his car.
- h Silvia goes to the washroom in the restaurant.
- i Silvia takes a dead rose out of Gabriel's hand.
- j Silvia knows Marco is bad and now she loves Gabriel.

2 Put the right answers with the questions.

- a Why didn't Silvia go to the cinema with Gabriel?
- b Why was Marco angry with the restaurant manager?
- c Where was Silvia when the earthquake happened?
- d Who said that Mrs Delgado was in the park?
- e Why did Gabriel's arm hurt terribly?
- f Why couldn't Silvia see things very well in the park?
- g What did Silvia give to her mother in the park?
- h Why didn't the thieves take many things from the Delgado's flat?
- i Why did the journey in Mr Garcia's car take a long time?
- j Why did Gabriel think Silvia was a thief?
 - 1) Mr Enriquez, Silvia's neighbour.
 - 2) Because they didn't have much time.
 - 3) Because his table was near the kitchen.
 - 4) Because it was dark in the building.
 - 5) Because she wanted to go to a restaurant with Marco.
 - 6) Medicines.
 - 7) In the washroom of the restaurant.
 - 8) Because there was a lot of smoke.
 - 9) Because it was broken.
 - 10) Because there was rubble and trees on the road.

3 Finish the sentences with the right name.

- Gabriel Mr Garcia Mr Enriquez Mrs Delgado
Silvia Marco
- a didn't want to help anybody after the earthquake.
 - b had to have expensive medicines.
 - c lost his wife and his home.
 - d saw two thieves.
 - e found her mother in a park.
 - f took an old lady to the park.

4 Finish the sentences with the right word.

- nurses face happy mother radio rose rubble
cut child thousands
- a Gabriel threw the onto the ground.
 - b After the earthquake the Oasis restaurant was only
 - c The doctors and helped the people.
 - d Gabriel had a bad on his head.
 - e There were of people on the ground in the park.
 - f Gabriel was when he saw Silvia's evening shoes.
 - g The child cried for his
 - h Mr Garcia had a in his car.
 - i Mrs Garcia was as light as a
 - j Gabriel's was dirty.

5 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Gabriel thought that he was boring for Silvia.
- b Marco didn't like the Delgados' flat.
- c Marco had a fast car.
- d The earthquake happened in the morning.
- e Silvia found her mother in bed.
- f Mr Enriquez cried because his arm hurt.
- g The man that pulled Marco from the rubble thought he was a nice man.
- h There were three thieves in the Delgados' flat.
- i The thieves didn't hit Marco.
- j Silvia and Mr Garcia heard the good news on the radio.
- k Dangerous buildings had a red cross on the door.
- l Silvia wanted to see Gabriel again.