



On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September **typhoon** Number 19 was coming **towards** us. At that time we were living in a small town in Western Japan. A typhoon is a very strong wind with a lot of rain. In Asia, countries such as Japan, Taiwan, Korea and parts of China get many typhoons.

This was my first **experience** of a typhoon. At first I noticed the very warm winds in the afternoon. The winds were warm because they were coming from warmer areas south of Japan in the Pacific Ocean. Something was **different** about them. Then by the evening the winds had become stronger and there was much rain. During the night I could not **sleep**. The winds were so strong and I was worried that they might be too strong for our small house. We were living in a small house near some **rice fields**. There was also a small river nearby which could easily **flood**.

I listened to the T.V. We were told not to go outside. We were told that the **worst** of the storm would hit our town at 3 o'clock in the **morning**. I think I did try and get some sleep but it was very difficult. In the early hours of the morning I heard the really strong winds. I looked outside and saw the trees were almost blown down. It was raining very hard. I must say I was feeling afraid. I did want to live. I thought about the small house we were living in! Would it be strong enough?

The next morning all was **quiet** outside. I watched T.V. and heard that 39 people were killed in the typhoon. Typhoon Number 19, the 19<sup>th</sup> typhoon in that year, was one of the worst typhoons to hit Japan. **Nature** is very strong and we must not forget this.

Here are the new words which are highlighted in the story.

typhoon	towards	experience	different	sleep	rice
field	flood	worst	morning	quiet	nature

#### A. Definitions

Match each new word with its definition.

Also give the **word class** for each word as used in the story.

(A word class is a noun, verb, adjective, adverb, preposition, conjunction, pronoun etc.)

	New Words	Word Class	Definitions
1.			not the same as, unlike
2.			the white seeds of a plant used as food
3.			resting with your eyes closed, going to bed
4.			a very strong wind, a violent hurricane
5.			covering the land with water
6.			moving in a certain direction
7.			something that happens to you
8.			everything in the world that has not been made by man
9.			the early part of the day
10.			a piece of land where plants grow
11.			making no noise
12.			the most terrible

**B. Multiple-choice**

Based on the story, choose the best answer for each question or statement.

1. The winds are warm because they are coming from the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. north
  - B. west
  - C. south
  - D. east
2. The writer was feeling afraid because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. he was not sure how strong the house was
  - B. he was worried about what would happen
  - C. he could hear the strong winds and the heavy rain
  - D. of all the above reasons
3. Typhoons can be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. safe
  - B. dangerous
  - C. fun
  - D. interesting
4. After reading this passage, we know that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Japan has many typhoons in the same year
  - B. Japan only has a few typhoons each year
  - C. typhoons are unusual in Japan
  - D. the Japanese look forward to typhoons
5. Typhoon Number 19 was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. an average typhoon
  - B. a typical typhoon
  - C. a bad typhoon
  - D. a typhoon that we should forget

**C. Questions**

Based on the story, answer these questions in a full sentence.

1. Where does the family live?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is a typhoon?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why could they not sleep at night?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. About how long did the typhoon last?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Why was this typhoon called Number 19?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**D. Sentences**

Use the **new words** to complete the sentences. Use each word only once.

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1. It is wonderful to get outside and enjoy \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I get up at 7:00 o'clock in the \_\_\_\_\_ on weekdays.
3. It is important to get enough \_\_\_\_\_ so you can work hard the next day.
4. I like to have a \_\_\_\_\_ time at home after a busy day at work.
5. Living in a foreign country is a very different \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Asian people really like to eat \_\_\_\_\_ twice or maybe three times a day.
7. I felt nervous as I walked \_\_\_\_\_ the door of the principal's office.
8. One of the \_\_\_\_\_ days in her life was when her mother died.
9. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ the pot plants with too much water!
10. If you have been in a \_\_\_\_\_, you will know what it is like to be afraid.
11. The farmer planted potatoes in the \_\_\_\_\_.
12. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ types of people in the world.

**E. Your own sentences**

Now write your own sentences using the new words.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_



**F. Adjectives**

Adjectives are describing words. They describe nouns.

Underline the adjectives in the following sentences.

e.g. A typhoon is a very strong wind.

1. It was a beautiful, sunny day when we left home.
2. The trees are looking green now but soon the leaves will turn brown.
3. I have bought a new car with a powerful engine.
4. Don't eat the green tomatoes! Only eat the red ones.
5. At first he looked sad but then he started to look happy.
6. It was a hot day but now the evening is cool and pleasant.
7. That actor is so tall, dark and handsome!
8. He is a nice boy but sometimes he does look a bit unhappy.
9. I need to talk to you about a difficult problem.
10. Please only write in blue or black pen. You can't use a green one in the exam.

**G. Adjectives**

In each space write an adjective which completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. Keep watering the grass so that it stays \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Her face was so \_\_\_\_\_ because she had been running for one hour.
3. The hills have turned \_\_\_\_\_ because of a lack of rain.
4. I need to wear sunglasses because the light outside is so \_\_\_\_\_.
5. That girl knows the answer to every question. She is really \_\_\_\_\_.
6. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ flight from London to Sydney.
7. Only \_\_\_\_\_ people can buy such an expensive car as that!
8. The moon is behind the clouds so it is very \_\_\_\_\_ tonight.
9. When the strawberries are completely \_\_\_\_\_ you can pick them to eat.
10. Please open the window because we need some \_\_\_\_\_ air.
11. If you continue to eat so much and don't do any exercise you will become \_\_\_\_\_.
12. I can't walk to their place because it is too \_\_\_\_\_ from here.
13. I couldn't answer that question in the exam because it was too \_\_\_\_\_ for me.
14. Please clean your shoes. They look so \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Put your jersey on if you feel \_\_\_\_\_.