

## Unit 11: Is it real?, Lesson A

### Before you watch

- A** Imagine that there is a threat to civilization. The news is telling everyone to prepare. What would you do to prepare for the collapse of civilization? Write a few sentences.

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- B** Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

bound	debris	imminent	wipe out
catastrophe	doomsayer	stockpiled	

1. I feel like some kind of horrible technological disaster is \_\_\_\_\_ to happen. There's no escaping it: Society is just too dependent on technology.
2. My cousin is a \_\_\_\_\_. He is constantly telling everyone that the end of the world is coming. He has \_\_\_\_\_ a bunch of food and candles in his basement. What is he going to do with all of that food if there isn't a natural disaster? It's just going to go to waste.
3. I think that some kind of big \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. You never know when \_\_\_\_\_ from an asteroid is going to hit the earth. Even lots of little pieces of asteroid could be disastrous. Anything big falling from outer space could \_\_\_\_\_ the national power grid. We would all be in big trouble if we didn't have any power.

### While you watch

- A** Watch the video. Then, put the topics in the correct order (1–6) that they are mentioned in the video.

- \_\_\_\_ buying supplies just in case
- \_\_\_\_ failure of the national grid
- \_\_\_\_ people stockpiling food and other survival equipment
- \_\_\_\_ the likelihood of an asteroid hitting the earth
- \_\_\_\_ the world ending sooner than we think
- \_\_\_\_ Y2K

- B** Watch the video again. Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

asteroid strike	imagined	regular white candles
baked beans	preppers	unprepared
computers recognized dates	natural disaster	Y2K
fall in the water		

1. \_\_\_\_\_ are people who believe that the world as we know it is going to end.
2. Some people think that a \_\_\_\_\_ is bound to happen eventually.
3. If society were to collapse tomorrow, the host's family is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The host wonders which threats are real and which ones are \_\_\_\_\_.

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5. The great panic that computer systems around the world were about to crash because of the way \_\_\_\_\_ was called \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Another thing people panic about is a possible \_\_\_\_\_.
7. NASA says that although debris from space will probably hit the earth, it will likely \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The host is going to go to the store and pick up \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . Just in case.

## After you watch

**A** Are these threats to society likely or unlikely to happen? Why? How should people prepare for them? Write a few sentences.

1. an asteroid strike

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2. a natural disaster

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3. failure of the national grid

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4. a plague

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