

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.

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

2. a natural disaster

3. failure of the national grid

4. a plague
