



TEXAS SNOW DISASTER



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Expemo code:

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1 Warm up

Think of some things that relate to the state of Texas in the USA.



What do you think the winters are normally like in Texas?



2 Vocabulary

You are going to watch a news report about Texas. Match the beginnings and endings of these phrases from the report.

Group 1: noun phrases

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| 1. arctic | a. disaster |
| 2. basic | b. services |
| 3. electricity | c. supply |
| 4. major | d. toilets |
| 5. portable | e. weather |

Group 2: verb phrases

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|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. boil | a. access |
| 2. have | b. assistance |
| 3. keep | c. to normal |
| 4. promised | d. warm and dry |
| 5. return | e. water |

3 Watch for main idea



Use the vocabulary from the last exercise to predict what the report will say.

Watch the report and check your ideas.

Work in pairs to remember how the phrases were used in the report.



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Watch for detail

Use the phrases from the vocabulary exercise to complete the report. Watch again to check your ideas.

Last week, _____¹ hit the state of Texas in the US. The storm affected the _____² in the state and left people without _____³ like electricity, heating and water. Millions of Texans have been struggling to _____⁴ in their homes and 58 people have died across the country. An official in the city of Houston has said that this is a _____⁵. She predicted that the 4.5 million people in the Houston area would not be able to _____⁶ for at least a few more days. The storm caused the electricity supply to fail, and this has affected the water supply. As a result, 12 million people in the state do not _____⁷ to clean water and must _____⁸ before drinking. Hospitals have had to move out some of their patients and bring in water trucks and _____⁹. Although Texas does not experience snow every year, it has snowed 94 times in the state since 1881, and most recently in 2017. There is some disagreement about why this year's snow has had such serious effects on the state. The federal government has _____¹⁰ for individuals and businesses.

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Comprehension

Cover the text and explain why these numbers were important in the news report.

- 58
- 94
- 2017
- 4.5
- 12

Answer these questions:

1. Is there anything in the report which surprised you?
2. Have you ever had a similar experience? How did you keep warm and dry?



6 Speaking

These pictures show things that can help keep you warm and safe in cold weather if there is no power. Some of the advice is about staying home and some is about going out.

Work in pairs to decide what the advice for each picture is. Use should or shouldn't.

Example: You should wear lots of layers of clothes and a warm coat.



barbecue



car antenna



batteries



cat litter



caffeine



doors



taps



fireplace



towel



first aid kit

**Listening**

Listen to the advice and write the sentences in the correct part of the table. You will hear each sentence twice. The first time you hear the sentence, decide which box the advice goes in. The second time, listen and write the advice. In one of the boxes, there will be two pieces of advice, while two boxes will be empty.

	what to do	what <u>not</u> to do
what to wear	You should wear lots of layers of clothes and a warm coat.	
staying home	1	2
food and drink	You should keep lots of food and bottled water in the house.	3
heating and cooking	4	5
getting information	6	
leaving the house on foot	7	You shouldn't try to move too fast.
leaving the house by car	8	You shouldn't drive fast.
if you are stuck in your car in deep snow	You should put on your overhead lights. ⁹	You shouldn't stay still for a long time. You shouldn't leave your emergency supplies in the boot.

1. Can you think of two more pieces of advice to go in the empty boxes?
2. Can you think of any other useful advice for keeping safe and warm?