1. *Preparation/discussion*

Do you like disaster movies? Why/why not?

Why do you think disaster movies are so popular?

Do disaster movies serve any practical purpose?

1. *Watch the segment and identify the order of the actions below.*

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| 6 | People have umbrellas up. |
| 4 | The man walks away from the café. |
| 1 | A police car is driving around giving information. |
| 7 | The policeman is hit on the head by a hailstone. |
| 10 | The man puts his case on his head for protection. |
| 2 | A man stops at a street side cafe and drinks some tea. |
| 9 | The man is talking on his phone. |
| 5 | The café owner closes his café up. |
| 8 | The man’s telephone rings. |
| 11 | Everyone starts running around screaming. |
| 12 | A hailstone hits the man and he falls down. |
| 3 | The policeman is arguing with an old man. |
| 13 | A motorbike drives into a shop window. |

*Consider which of these actions had finished when the hailstorm hit and which of these actions were taking place during the hailstorm. Some of the actions may have been continuing throughout the clip.*

1. *Fill in the blanks with the past perfect or the past perfect continuous form of the verbs in parentheses. Consider carefully whether the first action was completed or taking place when the second action happened.*

A man \_had been drinking\_ (drink) tea at a street side café when his telephone rang.

The man \_had already walked\_ (already, walk) away from the café when the first hailstone hit.

The café owner \_had closed\_(close) up his café before the hailstorm.

The policeman \_had been arguing\_(argue) with a man when the hailstone hit him on the head.

People \_had been walking\_(walk) around with umbrellas before the hailstorm hit.

A man \_had been riding\_(ride) a motorbike during the hailstorm but then crashed into a shop window.

The man \_had put\_(put) his case on his head for protection but still got hit.

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**Solutions**

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