

Difficulty and danger

damage (v)	fear (v)	save (v)
danger (n)	prove (v)	serious (adj)
difficulty (n)	rescue (v)	survive (v)
disaster (n)	risk (v)	trouble (n)
escape (v)	safety (n)	warn (v)

A Complete the text using words and phrases from the box.

damaged escaped feared in danger save serious were warning

Last year, the village where I live experienced ¹_____ flooding. At first, it was just the streets right next to the river, but soon it became clear that our street was ²_____, too. At first, we didn't want to leave our home. We ³_____ that our possessions would be lost or ⁴_____, so we started moving things upstairs. We managed to ⁵_____ a few things, but then, on the radio, the police ⁶_____ that the water was rising very quickly, so we decided to leave. It was only as we drove away from the village, that we realized how dangerous the situation was. We were lucky that we ⁷_____ in time.

disaster got into difficulty had trouble proved difficult
rescued risked safety survived

Some of our neighbours who ⁸_____ staying longer were soon surrounded by water. They tried to get into their cars to leave, but they ⁹_____ in the deep water. In the end, they were ¹⁰_____ by the emergency services and taken to ¹¹_____. Thankfully, everyone ¹²_____, but it was a real ¹³_____ for the area. For many people, getting back to normal has ¹⁴_____. They've ¹⁵_____ getting the money needed for repairs and, twelve months later, some families still haven't been able to return to their homes.



B Do the two options in italics have the same meaning (S) or completely different meanings (D)? Write S or D.

- As the forest fire spread, hundreds of people were *at risk* / *in danger*. _____
- Some of the passengers *feared* / *were afraid* that the plane would crash. _____
- There has been a *minor* / *serious* accident on the motorway. _____
- Thankfully, everyone managed to get to *danger* / *safety* and there were no injuries. _____
- The police *strongly advised* / *warned* drivers not to travel in the bad weather. _____
- The unusually hot weather has been *an advantage* / *a disaster* for farmers. _____
- Many famous paintings were *damaged by* / *saved from* the fire. _____
- The boat got into *difficulty* / *trouble* when the weather suddenly changed. _____

get into trouble/difficulty: *The boat **got into trouble** in bad weather.*

have trouble/difficulty (doing something): *They **had difficulty** finding their way around.*

C Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs from the box. Use each verb only once.

escape get have prove rescue risk survive warn

- Local people _____ the boys not to swim in the lake, but they ignored the advice.
- The job _____ harder than expected and they had to ask for help.
- Every day, firefighters _____ their lives to help others.
- Both men _____ the accident, but they were left with serious injuries.
- The child _____ into difficulty while he was swimming in a river.
- The driver managed to _____ from the car just before it caught fire.
- People _____ trouble finding out information about what was happening.
- The injured climber was _____ from the mountain by helicopter.