**AOW 7: Radio show is helpful to Spanish speakers caught in fire zone**

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Ashley Vasquez, 11, and dad Sergio Vasquez relax after dinner at the Grange Hall in Bodega Bay, California, October 12,

2017. The Bodega Bay CERT and Waves of Compassion have set up services for those displaced by the fires. Photo by:

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Fires have been **spreading** in California. Some people had to leave their homes because of the fires. In Napa and Sonoma counties, many people had to leave home. Many of them speak only Spanish. The information they need is mostly in English, though. People need to know how close the fires are. They also need to know where the **shelters** are. Shelters are places that keep the people safe during the fires. As fires were starting to spread, Spanish speakers had one place for information. That was KBBF, a radio station using English and Spanish.

**Information In Spanish Was Needed**

The radio show was a help for Spanish speakers near the fires. Nobody else gave information in Spanish, though, Mata says. So KBBF started doing that, he says. The station's workers called city leaders like police and fire departments. They got **information** about where the fires were. They checked on shelters where people could stay.

People needed information quickly. People did not **expect** the fires, Mata says. Some people said that they only had a few minutes to leave, he says. Many people lost their houses and did not take any of their **belongings** with them, he says.

***Instructions***

**Day One (Monday):** Watch a short clip about the article.Read the article, then find the meanings of the underlined words and circle the clues.

**Day Two (Tuesday):**Re-read the article, highlight the main idea in yellow and underline two supporting details.

**Day Three (Wednesday*):***

***Identify 7 verbs in the simple past* under the heading: Information In Spanish Was Needed**

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***Classify the verbs into regular and irregular verbs:***

Regular past verbs: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Irregular past verbs:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Day Four (Thursday):** Answer the following questions:

1-Which of the following statements is the main idea in the article?

1. In Napa and Sonoma counties, many people had to leave home.
2. Fires have been **spreading** in California.
3. As fires were starting to spread, Spanish speakers had one place for information. That was KBBF, a radio station using English and Spanish.
4. Many people lost their houses and did not take any of their **belongings** with them, he says.

2- Which detail does NOT support the main idea?

1. The radio show was a help for Spanish speakers near the fires.
2. People did not **expect** the fires, Mata says.
3. The station's workers called city leaders like police and fire departments.
4. They got **information** about where the fires were.

3- Why is Mata's radio show in Spanish important?

1. It helps give people who speak Spanish information about the fires.
2. It helps people who speak English learn to speak Spanish.
3. It tells shelters that there are people who need their help.
4. It tells people where they could find their families during the fires.

**Day Five:** What are some **challenges** immigrants in the U.S face when they do not speak English? Provide one challenge from the ARTICLE and two challenges from your OWN IDEAS.

According to the article, one challenge for English non-speakers in the U.S is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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