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Question

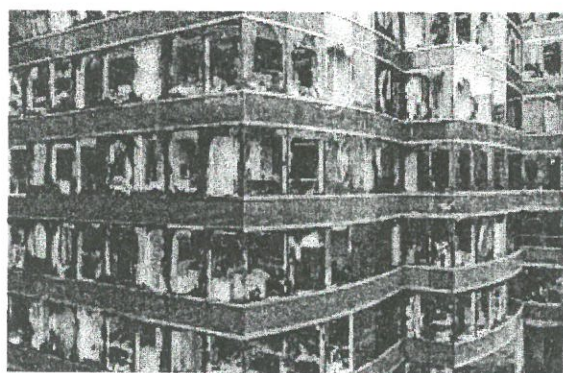
Your friend, Jo, lives in Canada. In an email to you, she said:

“I know that over 2 months ago, Hong Kong experienced a super typhoon. Can you tell me what you did to prepare for it? How powerful was it? And how did you feel at that time?”

You are now going to write a reply. So you first look at the newspaper cuttings below, which may help you.

September 16, 2018 (Sunday)

- 1:10 a.m. – Signal No. 8 is issued as super typhoon Mangkhut is very close to Hong Kong
- 7:40 a.m. – Signal No.9 is issued
- 9:40 a.m. – Signal No.10 is issued. Mangkhut will be the most powerful storm to hit Hong Kong since 1946.



In about 200 words, write an email to Jo, describing to her what you experienced. Sign your name ‘Jan’.

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Dear Jo,

How are you? Hong Kong is still recovering from the super typhoon that hit it. Let me tell you all about it.

When I first heard that a typhoon was going to strike Hong Kong, I was as happy as a clam on cloud nine as I would not have to go to school! However I started to become worried because the typhoon had left other countries ^{where it struck} in a devastating state. More than 200 trees in Japan had fallen down, while 147 people were killed in South Dakota ~~where the typhoon had passed.~~ Besides, ^{the} typhoon had ^{also been the} combined with ^{most powerful one to hit Hong Kong since 1946!} another one to form a super typhoon!

To prepare for this typhoon, not only did we stock up ^{on} a week's worth of food ^{and water}, we also stuck sticky tape on our windows. We thought that we had prepared well for the typhoon but sadly ^{these were things that no one could prepare for} when the typhoon struck, I was still sleeping. However, a hissing noise ^{made me} wake up with a start. I realized that I had forgotten to ~~to~~ close the windows and rain poured in like buckets! I immediately

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ran towards the window to try and close it, but a swirling tornado almost enveloped me. Finally, I managed to close it with strength and sheer willpower.

After the typhoon had passed, I looked out of the window and saw a shocking sight that made me turn white with horror: Cars were littered ~~and~~ on the path and shards of glass had fallen from a nearby ~~commercial~~ commercial building. Scaffolding had crumbled to little pieces and lay on the pavement. — A ~~horrible~~ ^{horrifying} devastating sight.

Fortunately, we had prepared ~~ourselves~~ adequately and didn't have much damage (except for my bedroom's window). I have ^{also} learnt that ~~everything~~ no one could prepare for ~~everything~~ everything.

With love,

Ankie