

# I SURVIVED

## BOOK CLUB

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### I Survived The Great Alaska Earthquake, 1964



## CONTEXT REVIEW AND PROBLEM-AND-SOLUTION EXERCISE

**CONTEXT REVIEW:** The I Survived books are works of historical fiction. Author Lauren Tarshis supplies important information in the back of each book about the events in the story and the history around these events. Use this information—called “context”—to answer the questions below.

1. How strong was the Alaska earthquake? How long did it last?

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2. What was the deadly danger that lurked underground in Valdez? How did this contribute to damage from the earthquake?

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3. What was the difficult decision made by the town leaders of Valdez after the earthquake?

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4. What happened to the village of Chenega and the people who lived there?

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5. What are the four layers of the earth? In which layer do earthquakes occur?

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## CONTEXT REVIEW AND PROBLEM-AND-SOLUTION EXERCISE (CONTINUED)

**PROBLEM AND SOLUTION:** Fill in the blanks below with either the problem or the solution, as needed.

PROBLEM AND SOLUTION CHART	
PROBLEM	SOLUTION
1. Jackson once got caught in a blizzard when he was out hunting on his own.	
2. Jackson and his parents lose their cabin and their supplies to a fire caused by a winter bear.	
3. When Jackson is explaining to the class that he and his family lost their cabin, an image of the winter bear comes to his mind and he feels like he's going to throw up.	
4.	While playing hide-and-seek at recess, Jackson finds a good hiding spot and just stays there until recess is over.
5.	Chris carries Jackson on his back.

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## ANSWERS

#### CONTEXT REVIEW:

1. The Alaska earthquake was a 9.2. It lasted nearly five minutes.
2. Valdez was not built on solid ground. It was built on tiny pieces of smashed up rock packed tightly together. When the earthquake hit, the ground-up rock turned to mush, and the waterfront fell into the sea.
3. The town leaders decided to move the town of Valdez four miles away, to more solid ground.
4. The village of Chenega was washed away by a tsunami after the earthquake. Twenty-six out of the seventy-five people who lived there were killed.
5. The four layers of the earth are crust, mantle, outer core, and inner core. Earthquakes occur on the crust, where the plates are.

#### PROBLEM AND SOLUTION EXERCISE:

1. Jackson used his shovel to dig a hole beneath a pine tree. He climbed in and stayed warm and dry with his parka hood over his head until the snow stopped.
2. They use their emergency supplies to stay in the area for the night, and then they walk to Glennallen to find Uncle Solly.
3. Jackson runs out of the classroom to the bathroom, so he doesn't have to throw up in front of the class.
4. On his first day of school, Jackson feels like he's talked more in one day than in his entire life, and he needs some peace and quiet.
5. The group of friends has to leave the waterfront before the tsunami comes, but Jackson can't walk because of his broken ankle.