

## Learning from the Past: Sichuan and Tangshan compared



### Task

Using the information from the Flashpoint 3 sheet and the PowerPoint “Learning from the Past,” sort the statements below under two headings:

**Tangshan Earthquake, 1976**

**Sichuan Earthquake, 2008**

**Sort the following statements:**

Earthquake struck at 3.42a.m.

The earthquake happened in a high risk area.

There were approximately 70.000 deaths.

The earthquake happened in a low risk area.

The buildings were constructed of poor materials – one storey brick with heavy concrete roofs.

The rescue effort was swift and large machinery, equipment and large numbers of personnel were used.

Many buildings were constructed of poor materials and were not constructed according to codes of building, particularly schools.

There were 240,000 (perhaps more) people killed.

The response was slow as there was no machinery. People were rescued with simple tools or bare hands.

The earthquake struck at 2.28pm