



HEADLINES

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A cracking story!

People in Mexico were stunned last week to find a huge crack had suddenly appeared in the ground.

The massive crack is eight-metres deep. It has caused havoc for farmers and other drivers because the crack has split a major road. Amazing video of the trench, taken from the air, has been put on the internet.

Experts are now investigating what caused the mystery crack. Many people think an earthquake is to blame. An earthquake was recorded in the area last Sunday (17th August).

Others think an underground stream caused the land to collapse.

Hopefully experts will crack the case soon...



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Discussion Questions

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1) This story is from which country?

Mexico

Madagascar

Maldives

2) How deep is this crack?

It is ____ metres deep.

3) Why has this crack caused a problem for farmers and drivers?

4) How do you think people must have felt when they drove down the road and discovered this crack?

5) Which **word** does the writer use to describe how they felt?

The writer says people were...

shocked

stunned

amused

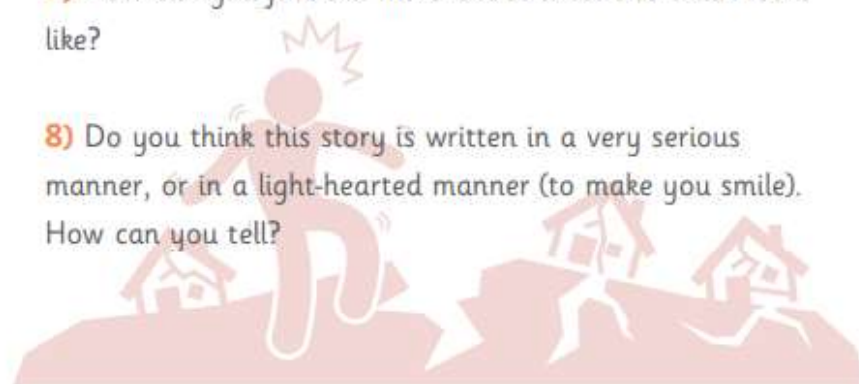
6) What **two things** might have caused the crack?

1.

2.

7) How can you find out more about what this crack looks like?

8) Do you think this story is written in a very serious manner, or in a light-hearted manner (to make you smile). How can you tell?



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