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1 READING A blog: Earthquakes in California

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	<p>February 20</p> <p>I need your help! I'm nearly 14 and I have to move from Atlanta to San Diego with my parents next spring. Actually, I'm quite happy here in Atlanta where I have all my friends and a good school with nice teachers. On the other hand: California sounds great to me – beautiful beaches and lots of sunshine ☺. I've always wanted to learn how to surf! But – what about the earthquakes? To be honest, I'm a bit scared of them!! I mean, I don't want to move to California and then die in an earthquake two years later. I can't talk about this with my parents because they only see the advantages of my mom's new job in San Diego, so they don't worry about earthquakes.</p>		
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	<p>February 21</p> <p>I'm 16 and I've lived in California all my life. Earthquakes are not a big deal at all. There are many little ones, and believe me, you don't even notice them. There are medium earthquakes every few years. You can feel them – maybe like a big old bus driving by. But you can be sure – they won't kill you. The really strong ones only happen every twenty or thirty years. So you shouldn't worry too much – just have a good time in California. It's a great place to live.</p>	☆ Like	↩ Reply
	<p>February 21</p> <p>The last earthquake that I could feel was about a year ago, but nothing really bad happened. The reason for this is that houses here in California have to be earthquake-safe – there are strict rules for new buildings. Also there are warnings before the earthquakes. This gives you time to find a safe place, for example you can hide under a table.</p>	☆ Like	↩ Reply
	<p>February 22</p> <p>The longer you live here, the more you will get used to our earthquakes. After you've been in your first earthquake, you'll know that they're part of our everyday life and nothing to be afraid of. The best way to deal with them is to prepare! Many schools have special earthquake exercises, so you know what you have to do in an emergency.</p>	☆ Like	↩ Reply
	<p>February 22</p> <p>You should listen to your parents and forget about the earthquakes. We all live with them. And to tell you the truth: I'd definitely be more worried about hurricanes or tornados in other parts of the country ...</p>	☆ Like	↩ Reply
	<p>February 23</p> <p>Linnie, let me tell you that there's no need to be scared at all. The trick is to be prepared. There's an exercise every year in October where thousands of Californians take part. Next time you and your family should take part too. All you have to do is register on the official website www.shakeout.org. On this website you'll also find lots of useful information about earthquakes and what you have to do in an emergency.</p>	☆ Like	↩ Reply