

DAILY ENGLISH

E10

The fact that the earthquake destroyed a lot of buildings is affecting the entire town.

The background image shows a paved road with a large, deep crater that has formed, likely due to a volcanic eruption. A large orange and white striped traffic cone stands on the right side of the road. The surrounding area is covered with dry grass and some green shrubs.

Lead-in

1. What natural disasters are common in your country?
2. What was the biggest natural disaster that hit your country?

Target Language

▼ In this lesson, we will learn:

Grammar Focus

Noun Clause as an Appositive

Daily Expression

The fact that the earthquake destroyed a lot of buildings is affecting the entire town.

Picture Description

▼ Tell what you see in the pictures below.



A



B

Pronunciation and Matching

▼ Read the example sentences.

1. The fact that the earthquake destroyed a lot of buildings is affecting the entire town.
2. The president, who was elected last year, seems to be looking for help from other countries.

▼ Match the sentences with the corresponding pictures.



Conversation

▼ Listen to the conversation.

Sarah: Have you heard about the earthquake in the north?

Grace: Yes, it's terrible. **The fact that the earthquake destroyed a lot of buildings is affecting the entire town.** The families who got hurt in the earthquake really need some serious help.

Sarah: I agree. **The president, who was elected last year, seems to be looking for help from other countries.**

Questions:

- Why is the earthquake described as terrible?
- What was affected by the damage caused by the earthquake?
- Who needs help the most?

Grammar Focus

▼ Read the grammar structure.

Noun Clause as an Appositive

*The fact **that the earthquake destroyed a lot of buildings** is affecting the entire town.*

*The president, **who was elected last year**, seems to be looking for help from other countries.*

Grammar Check

▼ Underline the **appositive** in each sentence.

- 1 The desire that we achieve this goal is expressed in his speech.
- 2 His decision whether to resign from his job or not seems difficult.
- 3 My brother, who won the competition, will come home.
- 4 The problem that economics is getting worse seems to be quite serious.
- 5 The fact that he finished the project early surprised everyone.

Grammar Check

▼ Make a sentence with a noun clause as an appositive for each note.

Project: proposed by
the building expert

disapproved

Decision: hire new
employees or not

considered

Idea: we look for a new
building

approved

Proposal: we will work
from home

mentioned

Daily Scene

Read every interesting fact about our planet. Then express how each fact makes you feel by using a noun clause as an appositive.

7 Facts about the Earth

- 1 Lakes can explode.
- 2 We're losing fresh water.
- 3 Earth used to be purple.
- 4 Glaciers are melting fast.
- 5 The planet is electric.
- 6 70% of the Earth's surface is covered in water.
- 7 Coral reefs are the largest living structures on Earth.



e.g. The fact that lakes can explode scares me.