

Thursday 1st July 2021

Where is this
picture
from?



Rescuers are desperately searching for survivors in the rubble of a 12-storey residential building north of Miami that collapsed, trapping people inside.



Glossary

Do you know any of the definitions?

collapse	
delicate	
diminishes	
dwindling	
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fatalities	
hampered	
obscuring	
Miami	
intertwined	
painstaking	
suburb	

Strategies

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*Is the word familiar to another word you are familiar with?



Glossary

collapse	suddenly fall down
delicate	requiring sensitive or careful handling
diminishes	becoming less
dwindling	gradually reduce in size, amount, or strength
ebbing	gradually decrease
excruciating	intensely painful
fatalities	death by accident, in war, or from disease
hampered	to keep from moving or acting freely
obscuring	hard to see or not distinct
Miami	a large city in the southeastern US state of Florida
intertwined	to twist or be twisted together, or to be connected so as to be difficult to separate
painstaking	very careful and needing a lot of attention
suburb	an area on the edge of a large town or city

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1st read

1st Read: Read the text

Read the text with your partner - take it in turns to read a sentence or paragraph.

Use the glossary to help you understand the unfamiliar words.

Find the information in the text to answer the questions.

Before



After



LO: To find information in the text to answer questions

1. What type of building has collapsed?
2. Where has the disaster happened?
3. How many apartments have been destroyed?
4. How many people are still missing?
5. Who were the rescuers?
6. Why was the rescue effort hampered on Friday?
7. What happened in 1995?

LO: To find information in the text to answer questions

1. What type of building has collapsed? A 12-storey apartment block has collapsed.
2. Where has the disaster happened? The disaster has happened Surfside suburb of Miami.
3. How many apartments have been destroyed? 55 apartments have been destroyed.
4. How many people are still missing? Over 150 people are still missing.
5. Who were the rescuers? The rescuers included Miami firefighters, the Army Corps of Engineers, and teams from Israel's defence forces and Mexico.
6. Why was the rescue effort hampered on Friday? The rescue effort was hampered on Friday by fire beneath the rubble, which posed further danger as well as smoke obscuring the scene.
7. What happened in 1995? In 1995, Park Seung Hyun was pulled from the wreckage of a collapsed supermarket in South Korea 16 days after it collapsed.

Building collapsed in just 12 seconds



Moments before the collapse



1 second
Central section starts to fall



4 seconds
Central section fully collapses



9 seconds
Upper east section starts to fall



12 seconds
East section fully collapses



21 seconds
Dust cloud engulfs site