

Matt is reading his diary. Read it carefully and choose the best answers for Questions 30 – 34 and complete Question 35.

15<sup>th</sup> September 20XX (Saturday)

Super Typhoon Papaya is close and the government has warned us to prepare for the worst. Mum said we might lose power so we went to buy some food that doesn't need to be refrigerated. The instant noodles were selling fast! At home, we filled bottles and pots with water in case we lose our water supply. Then I helped Dad put tape on the windows. We stayed in for the rest of the day – it was 35°C.

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16<sup>th</sup> September 20XX (Sunday)

**I usually feel excited** about typhoons but this one was different. **It was hair-raising.** The wind woke me up this morning. **It** was howling as the rain hammered against my bedroom window. I didn't like it at all. Dad said the Hong Kong Observatory had issued Typhoon Signal No. 10 at 5:10 a.m. **That's the highest level!** We spent the day trying to play board games but mostly just watching the typhoon and the news on TV. When Signal No. 10 was lowered at 3:10 p.m., **it was a relief** to know the worst had passed.

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17<sup>th</sup> September 20XX (Monday)

Papaya has caused so much damage that there's no school today. Something like 40,000 trees have been blown down, blocking major roads. That means the buses can't run. Poor Dad had to go to work. Standing on the MTR platform at Tai Wai, he said it felt like all of Hong Kong's workers were standing right there next to him. It normally takes him an hour to get to work in Wan Chai, but today it took three.

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18<sup>th</sup> September 20XX (Tuesday)

School was closed again today. There's still debris everywhere – rubbish, tree branches, building materials ... it'll be a while before everything's back to normal. Thank goodness I can go back to school tomorrow. I was worried schools would be closed again and I'm tired of staying at home!