

## ENGLISH CORNER MENU

Learning English Through Discussion

### TRAGEDY

Today's topic is on tragedy and how we respond when something very bad happens in our lives or to other people.

*Tragedy:* an event or situation, which is very sad, often involving death.

#### HOT TOPICS

- Over the last few weeks, many towns in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania have been flooded. What have you heard or read about these floods. If you live in Brisbane, how did the floods affect you? Discuss in threes.
- In other news, we have heard about the floods in Brazil and the ice storms in Europe and the US. What disasters or tragedies have occurred recently in your country and around the world?
- When something terrible happens, we usually respond in the following way:



Talk about this cycle with a partner. When have you felt like this?

- In life, everyone will experience some kind of tragedy. In the Bible it talks about how we can respond to tragedy and find a hope beyond tragedy. In the book of Isaiah it says (*break into threes and read*):

Voice 1: Why do you complain that God doesn't know your troubles or care if you suffer bad things?

Voice 2: Don't you know? Haven't you heard? God is the everlasting Lord; He created all the world.

Voice 1: He never grows tired or weary.

Voice 2: No one understands His thoughts.

Voice 3: He strengthens those who are weak and tired.

Voice 1: Even those who are young grow weak -

Voice 2: Young men can fall exhausted.

Voice 3: But those who trust in God for help will find their strength renewed.

Voice 1: They will rise on wings like eagles.

Voice 2: They will run and not get weary.

Voice 3: They will walk and not grow weak.

- Have you felt weak, exhausted, tired and weary? Where do you get your hope from to keep going?

#### Vocabulary

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**Suffer:** to experience pain or something bad

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**Weary or exhausted:** very tired

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