

1 Complete the news report about the World Trade Center attacks.






planes hit buildings crashed hurt morning killed control office third

SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS

On the ¹..... of September 11th 2001, four ²..... attacked important ³..... in the United States. Two planes took off from Boston airport. The first plane ⁴..... into the North tower of the World Trade Center at 8.46:40. The second plane ⁵..... the South Tower of the World Trade Center at 9.02:57. A ⁶..... plane took off from

Washington and hit the Pentagon, the most important ⁷..... of the US army in Washington. A fourth plane took off from New Jersey and was flying toward the Capitol Building, where the president works, but went out of ⁸..... and crashed in Pennsylvania. 2,977 people were ⁹..... and about 25,000 were ¹⁰..... in the attacks.

2 Look at the pictures of characters in the story. Complete the table.

Character	Where were they during the attacks?	What happened to them after?
		
		
		
		
		

3 Put the information about Oskar in the correct column.

binoculars bridges elevators parachute with a motor
 roller coasters tambourine Search Missions skyscrapers built down
 singing kettle stairs walkie-talkie white clothes

Oskar's inventions	What Oskar likes	What Oskar is frightened of	What Oskar owns

4a Put Oskar's dad's messages in the correct order (Message One to Message Five).

Message One Message Two Message Three Message Four Message Five

1 Hello? Hello? Hello?

2 Hello? Is anybody there? It's Dad. If you're there, answer the phone. Listen, something's happened. I'm OK. They want us to stay in here and wait for the firefighters. I'll call later when I know more. I'm OK, so don't worry. I'll call again soon.

3 It's Dad. It's Thomas Schell. Hello? Can you hear me? Are you there? Pick up. Please! Pick up. I'm underneath a table. Hello? Sorry. I have a wet towel against my face. Hello? No. Try the other. Hello? Sorry. People are panicking a bit. They want us to go up on to the roof. The helicopters are trying to get close enough to take people off. Please pick up. I don't know. Yeah, that one. Are you there?

4 It's . . . it's . . . Dad. Hello . . . so . . . Dad. . . . know if . . .
 hear any . . . this . . . I'm . . . Hello? . . . you hear me?
 We . . . to the roof . . . everything . . . OK . . . fine . . . sorry . . .
 hear me . . . much . . . happens, remember . . .

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5 It's me again. Are you there? I hoped you would be.
 When you get this, call Grandma. Tell her . . . I'm
 OK. I'll call again in a few minutes. I think . . . the
 firefighters will be up here by then. I'll call.

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4b What do you think about the messages in 4a? What is Oskar's dad trying to do?
 How does he feel? How do the messages change as time passes?

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5a What do we know about Oskar's grandpa?
 Complete the information about him.



Name:	
People he lost:	
Married to:	
Could not:	
Was afraid of:	
Born in:	
Moved to:	

Worked at:	
Loved:	
Returned to:	

5b How is Oskar similar to his grandpa? How is he different? Think about the things that happen to him, what he does, and what he does not do.

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6 Look at the picture from the book. It is a very important moment in the story for Oskar and his grandpa. Imagine you are a film director. How would you direct this part of the film? Present your idea to your class or friends. You should think about the following things:



- Music
- Action
- Lights
- Cameras (where to put them and how to move them)
- Where to film
- Sound effects
- Special effects

7 Oskar's grandpa writes many letters to Oskar's father, but he never sends them. Imagine you were Oskar's father and you received the letters. Write a reply to one of them.

[A large, empty rectangular box with a drop shadow and a curled bottom-right corner, intended for writing a reply to one of the letters.]