Questions

Answer the following questions with a full sentence:

1. How many children are in this story? List their names.
2. What has happened to the children?
3. Who is the oldest of the children?
4. Why do you think Niang takes charge?
5. How do the children make their shelter?
6. What reasons does Niang give for not leaving the area near the aircraft?
7. What is a mayday signal and why is it important?
8. Why do you think Niang spoke '*more confidently than she felt*'?

Word work

1. Give the meaning of the following words:

   dense

   unconscious

   debris

   lurching

2. What does it mean if you sleep '*fitfully*'?

Extension work

1. In an emergency a lot of resourcefulness is needed. List four ways in which the children show their resourcefulness.
2. Imagine there is an emergency at school. You have to choose one member of your class to be the leader. Who would you choose and why?
3. Write a conversation between Niang and Goron in which Niang argues to stay by the plane while Goron says they should leave and go down the mountain. Both Niang and Goron should justify their reasons for leaving or staying.
4. Imagine: who are these children, and why were they on a plane flying to the Mountain Retreat? Are they related? What is the Mountain Retreat?

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