Anchor Activity

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Letter 1:
BBC News

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Dear Addy,

Thank you for caring about the environment as much as I do. The fire that you had to endure was very much similar to the one here in Australia. The fire spread quickly and we too lost a lot of people. We are especially devastated about the wildlife as well and how that might affect our area. Forest fires are very scary because they can start up at any moment and spread so fast. The air quality in the area was terrible for several days after the fire was put out due to all the smoke. We heard of your story and we think it is so brave that someone at your age was able to navigate not only themselves but others into safety. The way you handled yourself and the way you were able to keep calm in a stressful situation says a great deal about you as a person. We would love for you to be a part of an activist group that talks about the importance of camping safety and being prepared. And of course the impact of climate change in the world. We hope to hear from you soon.

Best,
BBC News Team

Letter 2:

Addy
2/18/22

Dear BBC News Team

I recently stumbled across your article as I have been reading up on any news I can about fires. I am constantly wondering if there was something else I could have done, some route that would have helped get us all out to safety. After the fire the number of people and animals that perished in the fire continued to rise and it has really affected me. While I found your article helpful and it brings to light some of the things I experienced when we were trapped in the fire, what you have does not accurately reflect. Yes you have the facts right but it really differs when you are in the fire. You have to figure in the wind, what direction the smoke is going, the other

landmarks that are around. While yes the facts that you gave were helpful, it really is useless when you are in the middle of the fire trying to fight for you life to escape. While it is visible to see where the fire has caused the most damage, if the fire was in their area then it caused damage even if it was the trees as those are homes to animals that should be protected. While your article gave facts I feel like it was insensitive to the people who had to actually endure the damages from the fire.

Sincerely,
Addy