Media English 媒体英语 22 February 2013 Meteor hits Russia *陨石袭击俄罗斯* 



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在俄罗斯车里雅宾斯克州坠落的陨石已经造成 1000多人受伤。以下是 BBC 驻莫斯科记者 Daniel Sandford 于 2 月 15 日发回的报道:

**Eyewitnesses** describe seeing a fireball **curving** through the clear sky, and an extremely **intense** light as it passed overhead.

It seems to have been a meteor, and left a white **condensation trail** behind it. A couple of minutes later there was a loud bang.

The **shockwave** from the blast **blew out** windows across the region round Chelyabinsk in the Ural mountains.

People who'd rushed to look out and see what was happening were injured by flying glass.

Everyone went outside to check their neighbours were OK, and the mobile phone network **collapsed**, briefly **overwhelmed by the volume of** calls.

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## Questions

- 1. True or False? *Eyewitnesses saw a fireball travelling through the sky creating a very strong and bright light.*
- 2. True or False? A condensation trail is a line of water vapour in the sky which forms behind a moving object.
- 3. Where did the flying glass come from?
- 4. Why did the mobile phone network collapse?

## Vocabulary and definitions

eyewitnesses	目击者
curving	弯曲,弯成弧形
intense	(光)明暗度强的
condensation trail	凝结雾化尾迹
shockwave	冲击波
blew out	打破,击碎
collapsed	瘫痪
overwhelmed by	无法承受
the volume of	大量的

## Answers to the questions

1. True or False? Eyewitnesses saw a fireball travelling through the sky creating a very strong and bright light.

Answer: True.

2. True or False? A condensation trail is a line of water vapour in the sky which forms behind a moving object.

Answer: True.

3. Where did the flying glass come from?

**Answer:** The flying glass came from windows which were broken by the shockwave from the blast.

4. Why did the mobile phone network collapse?

**Answer:** Because too many people were trying to make calls at the same time.