

Natural Disasters

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A. Complete the sentences using the words below. Underline the Natural Disaster in each sentence.

water crops flames see wave blown shelves buried ground away

1. The lack of rain resulted in a drought in which many farmers lost their
2. There was so much snow falling during the blizzard that we could hardly
3. I saw a massive coming towards the beach and realised it was a tsunami.
4. During the earthquake, the room started shaking and things fell off the
5. Many boats were away as the hurricane swept over the water.
6. During the flood, our house was almost submerged in
7. Many homes and vehicles were blown or destroyed by the tornado.
8. A man was in the snow after being caught in an avalanche in the Swiss Alps.
9. After the volcano erupted, there was hot lava and ash all over the
10. I saw trees go up in as the forest fire spread quickly through the woods.

B. Match the Natural Disasters from Exercise A with their definitions below.

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| 1. A strong windstorm from tropical waters. | 6. A severe water shortage due to lack of rain. |
| 2. A mass of snow falling down a mountain. | 7. A huge crater which expels hot lava. |
| 3. Huge wave caused by volcanic activity. | 8. A violent column of air passing over land. |
| 4. Violent shaking of the Earth's surface. | 9. A heavy snowstorm accompanied by wind. |
| 5. Fire that spreads quickly over woodland. | 10. Excess water overflowing onto dry ground. |

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| 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |

C. With a partner, decide which Natural Disaster each piece of advice below is for.

1. Avoid falling ash. At home, cover windows and doors to stop ash from getting in.
2. Do not leave taps running. Reuse shower water for watering lawns and crops.
3. Stay at home. Do not venture outdoors until it stops snowing.
4. Hide under a table if indoors. If outdoors, move away from all walls and buildings.
5. Hold on to a tree to avoid being pushed downwards by the falling snow.

D. Complete the facts with the correct Natural Disasters, pluralizing them where necessary. Afterwards, chat with your partner and decide which answers are correct.

1. The mountain range which experiences the most each year is:
a. the Andes b. the Himalayas c. the Alps
2. The best way to protect yourself from the high waves of a is to:
a. put on a life jacket b. stay indoors c. get to high ground
3. The famous which destroyed the city of Pompeii was called:
a. Mt Etna b. Mt Vesuvius c. Mt Kilimanjaro
4. The country which experiences the most due heavy rainfall is:
a. India b. the UK c. Bangladesh
5. Because of their spiral like shape, are often called:
a. twisters b. turners c. columns
6., in which intense shaking of the ground causes destruction, are most common in:
a. Pakistan b. Japan c. Chile
7. The continent which experiences the most, due to a lack of rain is:
a. Asia b. Africa c. South America.
8. During a, wind travels over water at an average of _____ km per hour.
a. 100 km per hour b. 109 km per hour c. 119 km per hour
9. The biggest in history, in which 480 cm of snow fell from the sky occurred in:
a. Nepal b. Sweden c. the USA
10. The best way to protect yourself from the fast-moving flames of a is to:
a. lie flat on the ground b. run away c. cover your face with a wet cloth

E. With your partner, discuss the following questions.

1. Have you ever experienced a Natural Disaster? If so, which type? What did you do?
2. Which types of Natural Disaster are most common in your country?
3. Do you think some Natural Disasters are preventable? If so, explain.
4. Would you ever move to an area that was prone to Natural Disasters?
5. Which Natural Disasters have you heard about in the news recently?
6. Have you ever watched any films about Natural Disasters? If so, which ones?
7. Which three Natural Disasters do you consider to be the most dangerous? Why?