

Vocabulary – The weather / Natural disasters and their consequences

1 Find words related to the weather. Use some of them to complete the sentences.

sdewindygisnowykurainyilcoldstefoggytasunnyweblizzarduhhotijdrylistorm

- 1 I love summer as it is usually ____ and _____, and we can go to the beach.
- 2 I usually enjoy reading at home on _____ days.
- 3 The local police usually block off the roads when there is a _____. Cars might slip on the snow.

2 Complete the text with words/phrases from the box.

avalanche lucky escape badly hurt take shelter started shaking

It was a really cold winter day. We were climbing the mountain when suddenly the earth (1) _____ and the snow coved everything. There was an (2) _____. We ran to (3) _____ in a cave behind some trees. We had a (4) _____, but a huge tree fell down and blocked the entrance to the cave. A rescue team found us five hours later. Fortunately, nobody was (5) _____.

3 Complete the conversation with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Emma: Tell me Josh, what (1) _____ (you do) when I phoned you yesterday?

Josh: I (2) _____ (prepare) breakfast because Helen (3) _____ (sleep).
She (4) _____ (not work) in the morning and the boys (5) _____ (get) ready to go to school. As it (6) _____ (rain) heavily, I decided to drive the boys to school later on. While I (7) _____ (drive) to school, I saw a car crash at the roundabout. Somebody was hurt.

4 Choose the correct form of the verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1 Jane **lost** / **was losing** her mobile phone while she **escaped** / **was escaping** from the avalanche.
- 2 While we **had** / **were having** lunch the hurricane **hit** / **were hitting** our house.
- 3 I **fell** / **was falling** from the stairs and **broke** / **was breaking** my leg when the earthquake happened.
- 4 Thomas and his cousin **found** / **were finding** a dog when they **ran** / **were running** in the park.