


1 Complete the definitions with the words in the box. There is one extra word.

drought earthquake flood  
forest-fire thunderstorm tornado  
tsunami volcanic eruption

- 1 A fire that burns trees in a forest is a forest fire.
- 2 A very large wave that destroys buildings and kills people is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 A violent movement of the Earth that damages buildings is an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 A terrible wind that turns around quickly and damages buildings and trees is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 A period of time when it doesn't rain and there isn't enough water for plants and animals to live is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 A storm with thunder and lightning is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 A lot of water that covers an area which is usually dry is a \_\_\_\_\_.


2 Complete the news extracts with the words in Exercise 1. Use the plural form where necessary.

- A The earthquake (5.3 on the Richter scale) happened at 7.00 this morning. It damaged some buildings, but luckily, nobody died.
- B Heavy rain has caused \_\_\_\_\_ in the north and lots of farmhouses are under water.
- C Today's weather: There will be rain and some \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning. It will be sunny in the afternoon. Temperature: 22–26°C.
- D It hasn't rained for five years and it is the worst \_\_\_\_\_ in the country's history.
- E Thousands of animals lost their habitats after a forest \_\_\_\_\_ in a national park in Borneo.

3  15 Listen to a radio programme about forest fires. Tick the topics the woman talks about.

- 1 ☒ how forest fires start
- 2 ☐ the best place to make a campfire
- 3 ☐ how to save your home from a fire
- 4 ☐ how to help fire fighters
- 5 ☐ what to do if you are in a forest during a fire
- 6 ☐ what clothes to wear in a forest fire



4  15 Listen again and complete the notes. Use one word or a number.

- 1 Volcanic eruptions and thunderstorms can cause natural forest fires.
- 2 It isn't a good idea to make a fire on a \_\_\_\_\_ day.
- 3 It is important to listen to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Before you leave your house, close your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Forest fires can travel at \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres an hour.
- 6 If a fire is moving towards you, try to get into the \_\_\_\_\_.

5 **Vocabulary Builder** Complete the fact box with the numbers.

## The world in numbers

- 1 Countries in the world: 195  
(one hundred and ninety-five)
- 2 Towns, cities and villages in the UK: \_\_\_\_\_  
(forty-eight thousand, three hundred and fifteen)
- 3 People in the USA: \_\_\_\_\_  
(three hundred and twenty-seven million)
- 4 People in New Zealand: nearly \_\_\_\_\_  
(five million)
- 5 People in London: nearly \_\_\_\_\_  
(nine million)
- 5 Different languages in India: \_\_\_\_\_  
(one thousand, six hundred and fifty-two)