

Unit 9

I. Listen to a radio programme on 4TeenNews. Then fill the gaps with the words you hear.

Welcome to 'Nature and You'. Today we have asked our listeners around the world to call us to express their views on these two questions:

- Are there more natural disasters now than there were in the past?
- Are we prepared to deal with natural disasters?

Sarah	I think there are more natural disasters now than there used to be. Whenever I watch the news on TV, I see places that are (1)_____ or affected by drought. I'm certain this is the result of climate change and global (2)_____.
Peter	I don't think that there are more natural disasters now than in the past. But more are being reported on the news in shorter time periods. We've seen them so often on the news that we've become (3)_____ to them.
Nubita	I think recent earthquakes and tsunamis just show how (4)_____ we are to deal with them. Despite all the technology and knowledge available to us nowadays, many people become victims of natural disasters.
Linh	I don't think we can prepare for natural disasters as nobody knows when or where they are going to strike. It's Nature's way of (5)_____ us who is in charge and that we should show more respect to the natural environment.

II. Match the words (1-5) to their definitions (A-E)

1.volcano	a.It is a storm in a desert during which sand is blown into the air by strong winds
2.thunderstorm	b. It is a violent tropical storm in which strong winds move in a circle
3.landslide	c.It is a mountain with a large opening at the top through which gases and lava are forced out into the air, or have been in the past.
4.cyclone	d.It is a mass of earth ,rock, and debris that falls down the slope of a mountain or a cliff
5.sandstorm	e.It is a storm with thunder and lightning and usually very heavy rain

III. Complete the sentences, using the correct passive forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1.Earth (hold) _____ by the gravity of the sun and orbits around it.
2. Radio waves (discover) _____ by Heinrich Hertz.
- 3.Our tent (blow) _____ over in the night by the wind.
- 4.Chess (play) _____ for around two thousand years.
- 5.The homeless(take) _____ to a safe place where temporary accommodation will be provided for them.

IV. Choose the correct form

On 26 December 2004, Tilly Smith, a 10-year-old British schoolgirl (1) walked / was walking on the beach with her family. Suddenly Tilly (2) felt / had felt that something was wrong. She could see that the water (3) had risen / was rising and waves (4) had come / were coming up the beach. The beach (5) got / was getting smaller and smaller. She (6) didn't know / hadn't know that there had been an earthquake in Sumatra that morning, but she suddenly (7) remembered / had remembered a geography lesson she (8) was having / had had at school just two weeks before. She (9) told / had told her mother what she (10) was learning / had learned about earthquake and giant waves. Tilly (11) started / had started screaming at her parents to get off the beach. They (12) took / had taken Tilly back to their hotel and (13) raised / had raised the alarm. Thanks to Tilly, everybody from that beach (14) survived / had survived that terrible day.

V. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or past perfect.

1. By the time the firefighters _____ (arrive), the fire _____ (already destroy) over 50 hectares of pine forests.
2. Two people _____ (report) that flames _____ (trap) them inside a smoke-filled apartment.
3. It _____ (rain) all morning before the tornado _____ (touch) down.
4. They _____ (not know) where to shelter from the storm because nobody _____ (tell) them.
5. _____ (you/ already leave) the office when the fire _____ (start)?
6. The post _____ (not arrive) when I _____ (leave) home this morning.
7. It _____ (be) cloudy for days before it _____ (start) to rain heavily and _____ (flood) the whole City.
8. When I _____ (get) to the check-in desk, I realized I _____ (leave) my ticket at home.

9. After Tom and his neighbours _____ (put out) the fire, the fire engines _____ (arrive) at the cottage.
10. She _____ (recognize) the warning signs that she _____ (learn) in a school lesson on tsunami two days before.
11. By the time the rescuers _____ (arrive), they _____ (run) out of food and water.
12. The rescue team _____ (find) the child after they _____ (search) for ten hours.