

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.