Vocabulary: Natural disasters

1. Match the words with the correct pictures.



- 1. b tsunami
- 2. volcanic eruption
- earthquake
- 4. flood
- 5. forest fire
- 6. tornado
- hurricane
- 8. landslide
- 9. __ avalanche





2. Listen, check, and repeat.

3. Match the news reports with disasters (a-i) from Exercise 1.

- 1. "The wave is enormous. It's like a wall of water."
- 2. "The mountain is very dangerous. Rocks can fall at any time."
- "The flames are now covering the hills, but people's homes are not in danger."
- 4. "The building is shaking. It's really frightening." ____
- "I can see smoke and hot lava coming down the mountain."
- The funnel of wind pulled the roof off of a house, and it landed three kilometers away."

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Say it RIGHT!

Pay attention to the pronunciation of these vowel sounds: /æ/ disaster, landslide, natural /b/ rgck, impgssible, ngt Find one more example of each sound in Exercise 3.

Speaking: Terror or excitement?

- 4. YOUR TURN Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions.
 - 1. Which of the disasters from Exercise 1 are possible in your country?
 - 2. What's the worst type of natural disaster, in your opinion? Why?
 - 3. Do you know anyone who's experienced any of these disasters?
 - 4. What's one more natural disaster not listed here?

Where we live, lots of these natural disasters are possible: earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, and landslides.

