

# Natural disasters



**A long period with little or no rain.**

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**A sudden violent movement of the surface of the earth, caused by the shifting of the earth's tectonic plates.**

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**When huge areas of woodland are alight, often caused by someone carelessly throwing a cigarette from a car.**

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**When an area of land which is usually dry becomes covered in water, often forcing people to leave their homes.**

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**Very strong circular winds which suck things up into them.**

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**A huge wave which builds up in the sea over thousands of miles.**

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**A very powerful storm, often at sea.**

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**A large mountain which erupts from time to time and sends rocks up into the air and molten rock pours down the side.**

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**Forest fire  
Hurricane  
Tornado  
Earthquake  
Flood  
Drought  
Volcano  
Tidal wave**

