

1 Match the natural disasters in the box with their effects below. Have there been any disasters like these in the news recently? What happened?

avalanche drought earthquake flood forest fire
~~hurricane~~ tornado volcanic eruption

- 1** A storm over a tropical sea, causes incredible destruction when it hits land. *hurricane*
- 2** A long thin cloud and violent wind, destroys everything in its path.
- 3** After heavy rainfall, rivers break their banks and water covers the land.
- 4** Hot gases pour out of the top of a mountain and lava covers the earth.
- 5** Snow, ice and rocks fall down a mountainside.
- 6** The ground shakes, buildings fall down, people are trapped.
- 7** A lack of water. Plants die and the grass turns brown.
- 8** Trees and plants burn and houses may go up in flames.

- 5  3.26 In pairs, look at the notes and think about the missing words. Then listen again and complete the notes with no more than two words in each gap.



Advice for surviving earthquakes

- If you're inside, ¹ stay inside, don't run outside.
- Get ² _____ a desk or table, cover your head, hold onto the table legs.
- Don't ³ _____ in a doorway.
- To leave a ⁴ _____, go down the stairs, don't take the lift.
- If you're outside, move ⁵ _____ from buildings. Get to an open space & don't go near power lines.
- If you ⁶ _____, stop your car. It's safer to stay inside. Don't park on or under a ⁷ _____.

- 5 Complete the news report with the words from the box.

destruction drills evacuate flames panic rescue
ruins shook survivors trapped victims **warnings**

The earthquake was a surprise. There hadn't been any ¹ warnings of seismic activity. The ground ² _____ and a few people screamed but most of them didn't ³ _____. Because of regular earthquake ⁴ _____ the workers knew to go down the stairs to ⁵ _____ the office block. There was a loud explosion and smoke and ⁶ _____ rose above the building. Everyone ran to safety. The ⁷ _____ was terrible. Unfortunately, there were hundreds of ⁸ _____. Three days later two ⁹ _____ were found under the building. They had been ¹⁰ _____ in the basement. The emergency workers worked tirelessly to ¹¹ _____ them. As they emerged from the ¹² _____, people cheered.