

WORKSHEET

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KET 3-Unit4

DISASTERSQuestion: *What disasters are you most worried about? Why?*

- Complete the 15 sentences with the words on the left.



- A** asteroid *n.*
C crash *n., v.*
E earthquake *n.*
F fire *n.*
 flood *n., v.*
H hurricane *n.*
L landslide *n.*
N natural disaster *n.*
O oil spill *n.*
R rescue *v.*
S survive *v.*
T tornado *n.*
 tsunami *n.*
V victim *n.*
 volcano *n.*

1. A flood sometimes happens when it rains for many days or weeks.
2. An _____ is a rock from space that can hit the earth.
3. People who _____ a disaster are called survivors.
4. I'm worried that our plane might _____.
5. A _____ can burn down a building.
6. A _____ is a kind of mountain that can explode.
7. After a disaster, the first thing people do is _____ survivors.
8. A strong _____ can shake the earth and knock down buildings and kill many people.
9. An _____ sometimes happens when an oil tanker has an accident at sea.
10. Some people are not hurt by a disaster, but others are _____s.
11. A _____ is a large storm with strong winds that can affect a whole country.
12. A _____ with large ocean waves sometimes happens after an earthquake.
13. A _____ is smaller than a hurricane, but its strong winds can also destroy many buildings.
14. After a lot of heavy rain, a _____ might cause lots of soil to slide down a mountain.
15. Some disasters, like plane crashes, may be caused by people. Other disasters are _____s

Hurricanes

A hurricane is a very powerful rotating storm, also known as a typhoon or a cyclone. These storms can be huge, creating immense damage. These storms usually occur in America, the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean.



A storm is usually classified as a hurricane when the wind speed reaches over 74 miles per hour (force 12). A hurricane is accompanied with heavy rainfall.

The centre of the hurricane is known as the eye of the storm. During a hurricane trees can be uprooted, roofs can be blown off houses and windows can be broken. It is advisable to stay indoors during a hurricane.

The UK does not usually have hurricane storms. The worst storm in the UK since 1703 happened in 1987. A violent storm hit Southern England with winds reaching 122 miles per hour. Technically the storm was not a hurricane but millions of trees were uprooted, roads were blocked with fallen trees and hundreds of homes lost their roofs.

Questions

- 1 What other names are used for hurricanes? _____
- 2 Where do hurricane storms usually occur? _____
- 3 What force is used to classify a hurricane? _____
- 4 What year did the violent storm hit Southern England? _____
- 5 What damage did the storm do? _____

- 6 What is the centre of a hurricane storm called? _____
- 7 When was the last big storm in the UK before 1987? _____
- 8 What do you think the word 'immense' means? _____