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.

3 15 **Listen to a radio programme about forest fires. Tick the topics the woman talks about.**

1 ☑ how forest fires start
2 ☐ the best place to make a campfire
3 ☐ how to save your home from a fire
4 ☐ how to help fire fighters
5 ☐ what to do if you are in a forest during a fire
6 ☐ what clothes to wear in a forest fire



4 15 **Listen again and complete the notes. Use one word or a number.**

1 Volcanic eruptions and *thunderstorms* can cause natural forest fires.
2 It isn't a good idea to make a fire on a _____ day.
3 It is important to listen to _____ .
4 Before you leave your house, close your _____ and _____ .
5 Forest fires can travel at _____ kilometres an hour.
6 If a fire is moving towards you, try to get into the _____ .

5 **Vocabulary Builder** **Complete the fact box with the numbers.**

The world in numbers

1 **Countries in the world:** *195* (one hundred and ninety-five)
2 **Towns, cities and villages in the UK:** _____ (forty-eight thousand, three hundred and fifteen)
3 **People in the USA:** _____ (three hundred and twenty-seven million)
4 **People in New Zealand: nearly** _____ (five million)
5 **People in London: nearly** _____ (nine million)
5 **Different languages in India:** _____ (one thousand, six hundred and fifty-two)

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