1 Fill in the correct word.

• lightning • floods • hurricanes • tornado • avalanche • earthquake • heatwaves
• thunderstorms • fires • drought • eruptions • tsunami

1 A(n) ..... tore through Florida yesterday destroying home and ripping up trees.
2 A(n) ..... is the same as a tidal wave.
3 A large ..... can run down a mountain for many miles and destroy everything in its path.
4 More than 70 people were killed in the ..... yesterday after a dam burst.
5 Over 200 people have been killed by volcanic ..... on this island.
6 You often see ..... strike before you hear the clap of thunder.
7 A(n) ..... measuring 8.9 on the Richter Scale struck Japan on 11th March, 2011.
8 A(n) ..... is a long period when there is very little or no rain.
9 Katrina is estimated to be one of the worst ever ..... in the world; a category 5.
10 Forest ..... have a tremendous impact on a country's ecosystem.
11 Many children get scared during ..... because of how noisy they can be.
12 ..... never happen in polar regions due to cold surface temperatures.

2 Replace the underlined words/phrases with words/phrases from the list.

• depicts • literally • devoted • ripped
• fled • flowing • given way • swiftly
• demolished • dodged • grabbed
• captured

1 The explosion tore through the building.
2 The old cinema is being knocked down to make way for a car park.
3 She desperately snatched his hand and managed to get out of the water.
4 The incident was recorded by every TV crew.
5 The author's latest novel portrays a gloomy America.
6 We must act quickly and decisively to protect our rights.
7 The fast moving river was difficult for the tourists to cross.
8 They all fell into the river after the bridge had collapsed.
9 He avoided a speeding car coming his way while crossing the street.
10 Lots of refugees ran away from their country and sought shelter elsewhere.
11 He was so angry that he actually grabbed him by the throat.
12 She has dedicated herself to children's charity work.

3 Fill in: *damaged, crashing, howled, blown, pouring, freeze, clear up, drizzling, ripped.*

1 The umbrella was ..... away by the wind.
2 It may ..... tonight so bring these flowerpots inside.
3 It has been ..... with rain all week now.
4 Many houses were ..... during the storm.
5 I'm sick of this weather; I hope it will ..... soon.
6 The rain isn't heavy – it's only ..... .
7 Strong winds ..... through the trees.
8 The wind ..... the sails to pieces.
9 We watched the huge waves ..... against the rocks.

4 Fill in the correct word.

• snow • fog • drizzle • sleet
• temperature • showers • ice • sunshine

1 However light, ... can still be really annoying.
2 ..... don't last long but they can be heavy.
3 It's so cold that rain may turn to ..... on in the evening.
4 The thick ..... made it difficult to see the road.
5 Let's go out and walk in the ..... .
6 Please drive carefully as there's ..... on the road.
7 The mountains were covered with ..... .
8 Tomorrow, there will be a sudden drop in ..... .