

SPEAKING Work in groups of three. Each person reads one of the texts A–C. Check the words in red in a dictionary if necessary. Explain the words to the others in your group.

A There are hundreds of **c** after last night's earthquake and its **a**. Many of the **v** are young or elderly. The **s** of the earthquake are camping out in the street because it is safer than being indoors. Many **i** have been caused by **c** walls since the earthquake has caused terrible damage to many buildings in the city. Firefighters have been working hard to **p** fires caused by the **t**.

B First the volcano threw up a cloud of **a**. Then **m** started to come down the side of the mountain. Right now, the lava is **h** **t** the most populated village on the island. **P** had already been **s** through the village over the past few weeks. The neighbouring island has already set up camps for the hundreds of **r** who are arriving.

C The **t** rain that has **s** **a** the country in the last few days has caused terrible floods. Three major rivers have **b** **t** **b**. Many people have been **e** from their homes. **M** and water have destroyed many houses. The **d** has been much worse in western areas where the rain has been heavier.