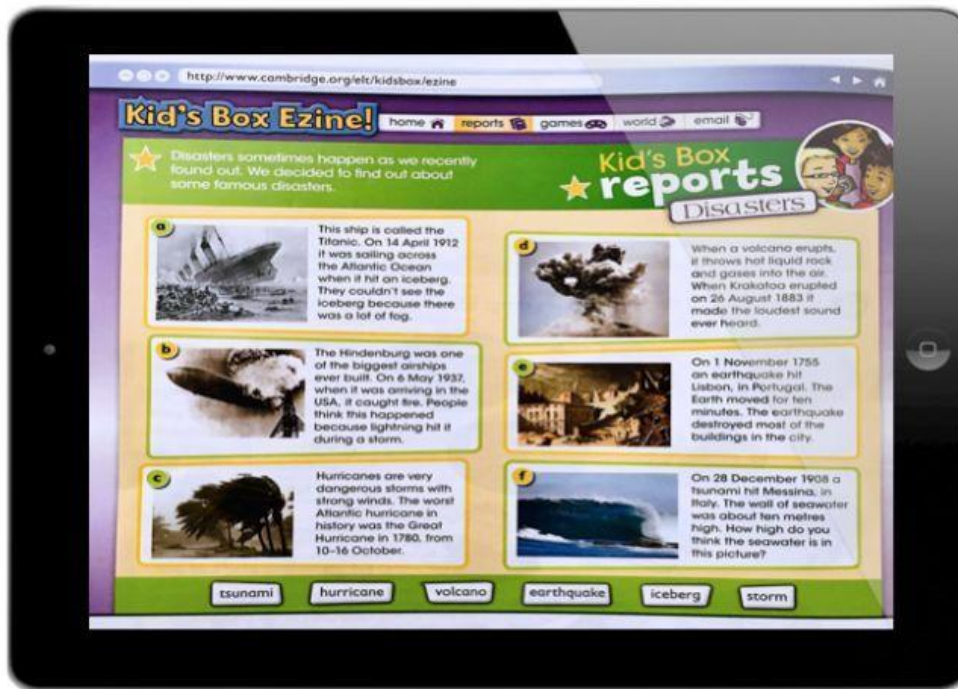


UNIT 4 – Disaster!

- Read and mark T (true) or F (false) for each sentence.



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the 'Kid's Box Ezine' website. The page is titled 'Kid's Box reports Disasters' and features six numbered boxes (a-f) with images and text descriptions of various disasters. At the bottom of the page, there are buttons for 'tsunami', 'hurricane', 'volcano', 'earthquake', 'iceberg', and 'storm'.

Disasters sometimes happen as we recently found out. We decided to find out about some famous disasters.

a This ship is called the Titanic. On 14 April 1912 it was sailing across the Atlantic Ocean when it hit an iceberg. They couldn't see the iceberg because there was a lot of fog.

b The Hindenburg was one of the biggest airships ever built. On 6 May 1937, when it was coming in the USA, it caught fire. People think this happened because lightning hit it during a storm.

c Hurricanes are very dangerous storms with strong winds. The worst Atlantic hurricane in history was the Great Hurricane in 1780, from 10-16 October.

d When a volcano erupts, it throws hot liquid rock and gases into the air. When Krakatoa erupted on 26 August 1883 it made the loudest sound ever heard.

e On 1 November 1755 an earthquake hit Lisbon, in Portugal. The Earth moved for ten minutes. The earthquake destroyed most of the buildings in the city.

f On 28 December 1908 a tsunami hit Messina, in Italy. The wall of seawater was about ten metres high. How high do you think the seawater is in this picture?

tsunami hurricane volcano earthquake iceberg storm

1. The tsunami was on the 28th of December 1908. **T F**
2. The volcano Krakatoa erupted on the 26th of August. **T F**
3. The Great Hurricane was in 1870. **T F**
4. The Hindenburg disaster was on the 6th of May 1937. **T F**
5. The Titanic hit an iceberg on the 14th of January 1912. **T F**
6. The Lisbon earthquake was on the 1st November. **T F**