

# Unit 7 - Reading

1. Translate the following words into Polish:

1. avalanche -
2. tsunami -
3. hurricane -
4. drought -
5. earthquake -
6. flood -
7. volcano eruption -
8. wildfire -
9. disaster -

What natural disaster are shown in the pictures below?



Search the net and choose the right answer.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 Most earthquakes last around   minute(s).
- 2   of avalanche accidents are caused by the victims themselves.
- 3 Cyclones, hurricanes and typhoons   the same thing.
- 4 Tsunamis are caused by  .
- 5 There are about   active volcanoes in the world.
- 6 The most terrible flood in Polish history took place in  .

### Read the texts

A

Do you want to **survive** extreme weather conditions?

Here are some things you should NEVER do when a thunderstorm **strikes**:

- ! take a bath or a shower (you might get an electric shock)
- ! keep your laptop or phone plugged in
- ! hide under a tree

Sounds obvious? You won't believe how many people still ignore this advice every single day. Don't be like them!  
**BE SMART AND STAY SAFE!**

B

Hi Mateusz,

I won't be able to join you for the long weekend in Poland. We have been struck by another hurricane and all flights have been cancelled. Alberto (that's the name of the hurricane — silly, isn't it?) has **affected** lots of people in my part of Florida — almost 200 houses have been destroyed, and many others have no electricity. There were reports yesterday that some kids **went missing**, but fortunately the emergency services managed to find and **rescue** them. You know, normally I love living here, but the hurricane season is really getting on my nerves. I'm not surprised that so many of our neighbours are thinking of moving away!!!

Anyway, I'll get in touch when I know about the flights, OK?

Take care,  
Jack

## FACTFILE

- The word "volcano" comes from the name of the Roman god of fire.
- If you count its underwater part, Mauna Loa volcano in Hawaii is higher than Mount Everest.
- Lava can reach a temperature of over 1200°C.
- The "Ring of Fire" area of the Pacific is home to 75% of the world's volcanoes.
- Most volcanic eruptions are caused by movement of tectonic plates.



Complete the conversations. Use information from the texts.  
You can use 1 - 3 words.

Cześć Łukasz. Nadal przygotowujesz tę prezentację o katastrofach naturalnych?

Tak, muszę ją skończyć do piątku. Dlaczego pytasz?

Wrzuciłem Ci na dysk kilka informacji, które mogą Ci się przydać. Wiedziałeś, na przykład, że na czas burzy z piorunami trzeba <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ laptopa z sieci?

Naprawdę?!

Co więcej, nie tylko nie wolno chować się pod drzewami, ale też <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Niesamowite. Masz coś jeszcze?

Tak. Podobno tylko <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ wulkanów na Ziemi nie znajduje się w rejonie Pacyfiku zwanym „Pierścień Ognia”, a temperatura lawy może <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 1200 stopni Celsjusza.

Fascynujące! A masz może coś o huraganach?

Nie, nie znalazłem żadnych informacji, ale mam kolegę w <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ i wyobraź sobie, że z powodu huraganu <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ nie może przyjechać do nas do Polski na długi weekend. Ten huragan zniszczył w jego okolicy aż <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

To okropne! Mam nadzieję, że nic mu się nie stanie. W każdym razie, dzięki za pomoc!

Read the texts again. In which text do you find...

- 1 about the author's attitude to how something is called? ☐
- 2 why some natural disasters take place? ☐
- 3 that some people do not listen to advice? ☐
- 4 that the author believes something is annoying? ☐
- 5 about something simple that may save lives? ☐

Match the highlighted words and expressions from the text with their synonyms 1-6.

1. save	survive	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. disappeared	strike	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. happen because of something	affected	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. had a strong effect on	went missing	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. stay alive in a difficult or dangerous situation	rescue	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. happen suddenly	are caused by	<input type="checkbox"/>

Complete the sentences with either *disaster* or *people*.  
What other words could you use in these sentences?

**disaster**   **people**

1. The  **struck** when everybody was asleep.
2. The  **survived** the flood.
3. The  **affected** thousands of people across Florida.
4. The  **went missing** after the earthquake.
5. The  **was caused by** terribly strong winds.