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?













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Search the net and choose the right answer.

DID YOU KNOW?

1 Most earthquakes last around [one | five] minute(s).

2 [9% | 90%] of avalanche accidents are caused by the victims themselves.

3 Cyclones, hurricanes and typhoons [are | are not] the same thing.

4 Tsunamis are caused by [earthquakes | avalanches].

5 There are about [500 | 350] active volcanoes in the world.

6 The most terrible flood in Polish history took place in [1997 | 2001].

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

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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.

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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 [1] _____ laptopa z sieci?

Naprawdę?!

Co więcej, nie tylko nie wolno chować się pod drzewami, ale też [2] _____

Niesamowite. Masz coś jeszcze?

Tak. Podobno tylko [3] _____ wulkanów na Ziemi nie znajduje się w rejonie Pacyfiku zwanym „Pierścień Ognia", a temperatura lawy może [4] _____ 1200 stopni Celsjusza.

Fascynujące! A masz może coś o huraganach?

Nie, nie znalazłem żadnych informacji, ale mam kolegę w [5] _____ i wyobraź sobie, że z powodu huraganu [6] _____ nie może przyjechać do nas do Polski na długi weekend. Ten huragan zniszczył w jego okolicy aż [7] _____

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

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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	☐
2. disappeared	strike	☐
3. happen because of something	affected	☐
4. had a strong effect on	went missing	☐
5. stay alive in a difficult or dangerous situation	rescue	☐
6. happen suddenly	are caused by	☐

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.

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