Day: _____ Environmental Issues Natural Disasters Date: _____

A. Read and study the pictures.

Sometimes weather can be dangerous. Too much rain causes floods. Too little rain causes a drought. Lightning can cause fires. Very strong winds can cause great damage to houses, trees and cars.








a typhoon	a tornado	lightning	a flood	a drought

B. Complete the passage.

1. _____ is a giant spark of electricity. Lightning 2. _____ trees and tall buildings. This can cause fire.

A 3. _____ happens when there is no rain for a long time. Rivers and lakes dry up. There is no water for people or animals to 4. _____. There is no 5. _____ to grow crops for food.

A 6. _____ is very violent. Air spins around very 7. _____, up to 700 km per hour, to make a funnel. This funnel moves forward quickly, at ninety km per hour. A tornado 8. _____ everything in its way.

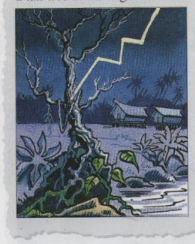
A 9. _____ happens when there is too much rain. Rivers overflow. Houses and fields are damaged by the water. People have to use 10. _____ instead of cars.

A 11. _____ is very strong wind and heavy rain. The wind is so strong it can blow roofs off 12. _____ and knock down trees.

C. Read the newspaper cuttings about extreme weather.

LIGHTNING CAUSES JUNGLE FIRE

A forest fire broke out in Serasa yesterday. Three fire engines arrived just in time to stop the fire from **spreading** to nearby houses. The fire started during a violent thunderstorm, when a huge flash of lightning **struck** a tall tree at the edge of Serasa village. The fire quickly spread through the jungle which, having had no rain for many weeks, was very dry. Quick action on the part of the fire fighters **prevented** injury to villagers and damage to their property.



TYPHOON HITS PHILIPPINES

Last night there was a typhoon in the Philippines. Very strong winds caused great damage and blew the roofs off many houses. The winds also blew down trees onto cars and houses.



This extreme weather **injured** many people and hospitals in the Philippines are still very busy.

The government of the Philippines has asked other countries for help. They need medicine and help to **rebuild** houses.



Where did these disasters happen?
What happened in each one?

D. Answer these questions in sentences.

1. What is a typhoon?

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2. Why were the hospitals very busy?

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3. What damaged the cars?

_____

4. Where was the thunderstorm?

_____

5. Why did the tree catch fire?

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6. What should you do if you see a fire?

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7. How would you feel if a natural disaster happened in your housing area?

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