

THESE ROBOTS COME TO THE RESCUE AFTER A DISASTER

B. THE SENTENCES BELOW WILL HELP YOU LEARN NEW WORDS IN THE TED TALK. READ AND LISTEN TO THE SENTENCES. THEN CHOOSE THE MENINGS OF THE WORDS IN BOLD.

1. When I asked him to travel with me to the site of the disaster, his **initial** response was "no." However, after a few more conversations, he finally agreed to go.
a. best
b. first
c. latest
2. After a snowstorm, we sometimes lose power in my town. It can take days for the power company to **restore** it.
a. make (something) work again
b. replace
c. turn off
3. Animals are often more **resilient** than humans. That is why they can recover faster from disasters and injuries.
a. able to concentrate
b. able to handle difficulties
c. able to understand

4. After a disaster, insurance companies usually have to **process** claims from thousands of people who have lost property in the disaster.
a. apply a procedure to
b. make many copies of
c. locate and rescue
5. If a building has **structural** problems, it could easily fall down during an earthquake.
a. relating to air quality
b. relating to construction
c. relating to electricity
6. The **imagery** in the movie about the hurricane was incredible. The photos of the damaged trees and houses showed just how powerful it was.
a. buildings
b. sounds and feeling
c. use of visual information
7. After a disaster, it sometimes takes a long time for a city to repair the damage to its **infrastructure** and get everything working properly again.
a. important systems, such as highways and electricity
b. government buildings, such as courthouses and city halls
c. the local population; the people who live in a specific area

8. Many different types of **vehicles** are necessary during a disaster because people and goods need to be moved from one place to another.
a. innovative ideas
b. machines used for transportation
c. workers
9. It can be difficult to provide **relief** during a disaster. There are often many people who need different kinds of help, such as medical care and food.
a. assistance
b. comfort
c. freedom
10. If you **overwhelm** the networks, they will eventually shut down and stop working.
a. put too much pressure on
b. spend too much time on
c. work too hard on