

UNIT 8

GRAMMAR, VOCABULARY AND UOE

1 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 The news of the earthquake is reported on the six o'clock news programme yesterday.

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- 2 Rescue workers from the UK are being sent to help the people look for survivors. They should be arrived later this evening.

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- 3 Many people have evacuated from their houses in the last few hours because of the flooding.

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- 4 The forest fire is spread very quickly at the moment.

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- 5 The need for more money to develop sea defences would be discussed at the council meeting tomorrow.

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2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs given.

Construction workers on a major underground railway project in London have uncovered a burial site that
(1) (expect) to provide important information about the plague or 'Black Death'. The discovery
(2) (make) during excavation for the eastern entrance of the new railway. A headstone marked '1665', the year when the epidemic was at its height,
(3) (find) nearby. Archeologists say that the individuals appear to (4) (bury) on the same day. The remains will (5) (analyse) by experts at the Museum of London Archeology, who hope that their research will provide an opportunity to learn more about the disease.

3 Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the text.

An interesting science programme (1) on Channel 3 last night. It was about the improvements that have been made in tsunami warnings since the devastating tsunami of 2004. It appears that precise predictions of the height and timing of a tsunami can now (2) to areas in danger within minutes of an earthquake happening at sea. The money that has been put into developing the technology to enable scientists to do this has been considerable and (3) estimated that thousands of lives have been saved in recent years because of this. Having said that, the scientists on the programme insist that there is still a lot of work (4) in this field and that it is hoped further financial support will help them (5) the necessary technology even further.

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| 1 | A showed | B is shown | C was shown | D shows |
| 2 | A send | B is sent | C sending | D be sent |
| 3 | A they were | B it is | C is | D is being |
| 4 | A to be done | B is doing | C doing | D can be done |
| 5 | A developing | B to develop | C developed | D to be developed |

4 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Organisers of last night's charity concert in aid of hurricane victims announced today that they (1) already raised over six million pounds. (2) is estimated that more than 300,000 people have been left homeless as a result of the disaster, which happened on Thursday night, and many more will struggle to rebuild their houses without assistance. Some of the money from the concert (3) be spent on tents and blankets to help with the immediate situation. The rest is (4) set aside for rebuilding projects. Speaking on television this morning a charity spokesman said that he had (5) amazed at people's generosity at a time of economic hardship.

Vocabulary

- 5 Complete the text with these words. There are two extra words.

burst • collapse • damage • droughts
hurricanes • spent • torrential

While some parts of the world haven't seen any rain for several months, causing prolonged (1) in many countries, other places have been badly affected by the opposite problem – floods. Too much rain has caused rivers across Europe to (2) their banks, causing widespread (3) in many areas. Barriers set up to protect residents from the rising waters have proved inadequate, leaving many people to complain that not enough money has been (4) on flood defences, despite many warnings. And worse is yet to come, with weather forecasters predicting more (5) rain over the next few days.

6 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the text.

Some parts of the world are particularly vulnerable to natural disasters. The so-called Ring of Fire in the Pacific Ocean is a string of volcanoes and an area of intense seismic activity where almost 90 percent of the world's (1) earthquakes/hurricanes occur. When this happens under the sea, one side of the ocean suddenly drops resulting in a (2) tsunami/avalanche. A rush of water away from the coastline may be a sign that the (3) wave/mud is coming, but many of these natural disasters occur without warning. So why live in such places? Some countries, such as Iceland and New Zealand, use such geothermal activity to generate electricity. Volcanoes also attract millions of tourists and many people (4) wait for/depend on the jobs and income that tourism provides. And (5) lava/tremor contains valuable minerals which can be mined once it cools down.

7 Complete the text with the correct form of these words.

destroy • erupt • land • survive • volcano

Following the unexpected (1) of the Pacific island volcano last Tuesday, more people living close by have been forced to move because of (2) that are threatening to cut off several local towns and villages. Hundreds of (3) of the original disaster are still living in temporary shelters and it is expected to be some time before experts will be able to properly assess the (4) in the area. Meanwhile, flights are being diverted because of a cloud of (5) ash that is making it difficult for pilots to navigate in the region.

8 Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the text.

Most people would want to avoid a natural disaster but, strangely, many people head to the cinema to watch fictional representations of such events. At certain times, disaster movies perform extremely well at the (1) They usually have fairly predictable (2), but people like to watch terrifying events on a grand scale and scenes of mass (3) – as long as the right people save the day in the end! Some experts think that these films provide psychological relief, especially at times when we feel insecure in the world. When we watch people running to escape the wave as a (4) approaches, we realise that our own life isn't that bad! For the film studios, these high-earning (5) are good news. They are easy to export because the images can be understood in any language. And the special effects just get better and better!

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| 1 | A box office | C marketplace |
| | B feedback | D turnout |
| 2 | A plots | C lyrics |
| | B soundtracks | D acting |
| 3 | A aftershock | C panic |
| | B epidemic | D damage |
| 4 | A drought | C tsunami |
| | B forest fire | D avalanche |
| 5 | A page-turners | C live streams |
| | B gigs | D blockbusters |

Use of English

12 Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words.

- 1 People say that animals can predict a natural disaster.

ABLE

Animals to predict a natural disaster.

- 2 They believe that a cigarette started the fire.

BEEN

The fire started by a cigarette.

- 3 They don't know when the area will flood again.

KNOWN

It the area will flood again.

- 4 They expect that the firefighters will arrive soon.

TO

The firefighters soon.

- 5 People think that the climate will change a great deal over the next 20 years.

IS

It will change a great deal over the next 20 years.

- 6 People need protection from flooding.

BE

People from flooding.

- 7 Our teacher gave us an essay about pollution.

WERE

We about pollution by our teacher.

- 8 My tutor often praises my work and I like that.

BY

I like for my work.

- 9 The advice was not to sit in the sun for too long.

WERE

We in the sun for too long.

- 10 The government has promised to help the survivors.

HAVE

The survivors the government.