

Choose the best words or phrases to complete these sentences

1. The volcano last _____ in 1872, causing widespread panic and destruction of property.
a. went off b. exploded c. erupted
2. Due to this year's crop _____, there are fears that the area may suffer from famine.
a. failure b. disaster c. reduction
3. It's immoral to waste water on swimming pools and golf courses in _____.
a. dry times b. times of drought c. periods of dryness
4. The government have called _____ after the recent earthquake.
a. a state of emergency b. a desperate state c. an emergency period
5. The emergency services have been _____ to assist with the problem.
a. summoned b. brought c. called out
6. After the disaster _____, appeals for aid met with an amazingly generous response from the general _____.
a. happened / people b. struck / public c. took place / population
7. The increase in carbon dioxide _____ from short haul flights is one of the causes of global _____.
a. emissions / warming b. pollution / heating c. gases / heating up
8. By _____ coincidence he was _____ by lightning five times, but managed to survive each time.
a. surprising / attacked b. amazing / struck c. unusual / got