

1 Complete the definitions with the words in the box. There is one extra word.

drought earthquake flood
forest-fire thunderstorm tornado
tsunami volcanic eruption

- 1 A fire that burns trees in a forest is a forest fire.
- 2 A very large wave that destroys buildings and kills people is a tsunami.
- 3 A violent movement of the Earth that damages buildings is an earthquake.
- 4 A terrible wind that turns around quickly and damages buildings and trees is a tornado.
- 5 A period of time when it doesn't rain and there isn't enough water for plants and animals to live is a drought.
- 6 A storm with thunder and lightning is a thunderstorm.
- 7 A lot of water that covers an area which is usually dry is a flood.

2 Complete the news extracts with the words in Exercise 1. Use the plural form where necessary.

- A The earthquake (5.3 on the Richter scale) happened at 7.00 this morning. It damaged some buildings, but luckily, nobody died.
- B Heavy rain has caused floods in the north and lots of farmhouses are under water.
- C Today's weather: There will be rain and some thunderstorms in the morning. It will be sunny in the afternoon. Temperature: 22–26°C.
- D It hasn't rained for five years and it is the worst drought in the country's history.
- E Thousands of animals lost their habitats after a forest fire in a national park in Borneo.

3  15 Listen to a radio programme about forest fires. Tick the topics the woman talks about.

- 1 ☒ how forest fires start
- 2 ☐ the best place to make a campfire
- 3 ☐ how to save your home from a fire
- 4 ☐ how to help fire fighters
- 5 ☐ what to do if you are in a forest during a fire
- 6 ☐ what clothes to wear in a forest fire



4  15 Listen again and complete the notes. Use one word or a number.

- 1 Volcanic eruptions and thunderstorms can cause natural forest fires.
- 2 It isn't a good idea to make a fire on a dry day.
- 3 It is important to listen to the radio.
- 4 Before you leave your house, close your doors and windows.
- 5 Forest fires can travel at 195 kilometres an hour.
- 6 If a fire is moving towards you, try to get into the open.

5 **Vocabulary Builder** Complete the fact box with the numbers.

The world in numbers

- 1 Countries in the world: 195
(one hundred and ninety-five)
- 2 Towns, cities and villages in the UK: 48,315
(forty-eight thousand, three hundred and fifteen)
- 3 People in the USA: 327 million
(three hundred and twenty-seven million)
- 4 People in New Zealand: nearly 5 million
(five million)
- 5 People in London: nearly 9 million
(nine million)
- 5 Different languages in India: 1,652
(one thousand, six hundred and fifty-two)