

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 _____.
- 3 A violent movement of the Earth that damages buildings is an _____.
- 4 A terrible wind that turns around quickly and damages buildings and trees is a _____.
- 5 A period of time when it doesn't rain and there isn't enough water for plants and animals to live is a _____.
- 6 A storm with thunder and lightning is a _____.
- 7 A lot of water that covers an area which is usually dry is a _____.

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 _____ in the north and lots of farmhouses are under water.

C Today's weather: There will be rain and some _____ 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 _____ in the country's history.

E Thousands of animals lost their habitats after a forest _____ in a national park in Borneo.