

# Natural disasters



**A long period with little or no rain.**

**A sudden violent movement of the surface of the earth, caused by the shifting of the earth's tectonic plates.**

**When huge areas of woodland are alight, often caused by someone carelessly throwing a cigarette from a car.**

**When an area of land which is usually dry becomes covered in water, often forcing people to leave their homes.**

**Very strong circular winds which suck things up into them.**

**A huge wave which builds up in the sea over thousands of miles.**

**A very powerful storm, often at sea.**

**A large mountain which erupts from time to time and sends rocks up into the air and molten rock pours down the side.**

**Forest fire  
Hurricane  
Tornado  
Earthquake  
Flood  
Drought  
Volcano  
Tidal wave**

