

E. LISTENING



XIII Work in pairs. Discuss with your partner to answer the questions below.

1. When the surface of the earth is not always look as it is, what disaster could happen?
2. What disaster which involves lava, dust, and gases bust and erupt beneath the earth?
3. What disaster that is extremely strong storm and often happen in the Caribbean?
4. What disaster that is represented as twisted, very strong, spinning winds?
5. What disaster could happen after very heavy rainfall?

XIV 1. Listen to a man telling about a historic natural disaster of China. Fill the gaps with the missing words.

- Over 100,000 people were killed in the (1) floods, but the survivors had problems of their own. The floods killed crops, washed out grain storage (2), leveled houses, and destroyed roads. Many rural communities were (3) and stranded without food, and without any way for aid to reach them.
- Ultimately, this is why the death toll was so high. Millions of people (4) to death, disease swept through weakened communities, and homeless (5) were stuck without shelter.

2. Listen again. Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. Most of China was flooded in that disaster.
2. A few decades before that time, China had suffered seriously
from the wars.
3. The ground was still submerged until the winter.
4. Some people in the disaster even had to eat the dead to survive