

- 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.

- 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 _____ day.
- 3 It is important to listen to _____.
- 4 Before you leave your house, close your _____ and _____.
- 5 Forest fires can travel at _____ kilometres an hour.
- 6 If a fire is moving towards you, try to get into the _____.

- 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: _____
(forty-eight thousand, three hundred and fifteen)
- 3 People in the USA: _____
(three hundred and twenty-seven million)
- 4 People in New Zealand: nearly _____
(five million)
- 5 People in London: nearly _____
(nine million)
- 5 Different languages in India: _____
(one thousand, six hundred and fifty-two)