

Vocabulary

Use the example sentences to talk with a partner about each word. Then answer the questions.

alter

The storm will **alter** the park if many trees fall.

What kinds of storms have you seen alter things in your state?

collapse

Floodwaters caused the bridge to **collapse**!

What might cause a tent to collapse?



crisis

Rescue workers help people during an emergency or **crisis**, such as a flood.

What other event might be a crisis?



destruction

The dogs ran through the store, causing a lot of damage and **destruction**.

How can wind cause destruction?



hazard

That broken step is a **hazard** because someone might fall!

What else might be a hazard?



severe

Severe weather can include very strong winds and heavy rain.

What kinds of severe weather has your state had?



substantial

A **substantial** number of parents came to the meeting.

What is a synonym for *substantial*?



unpredictable

The **unpredictable** weather suddenly changed from sunny to rainy.

What is an antonym for *unpredictable*?