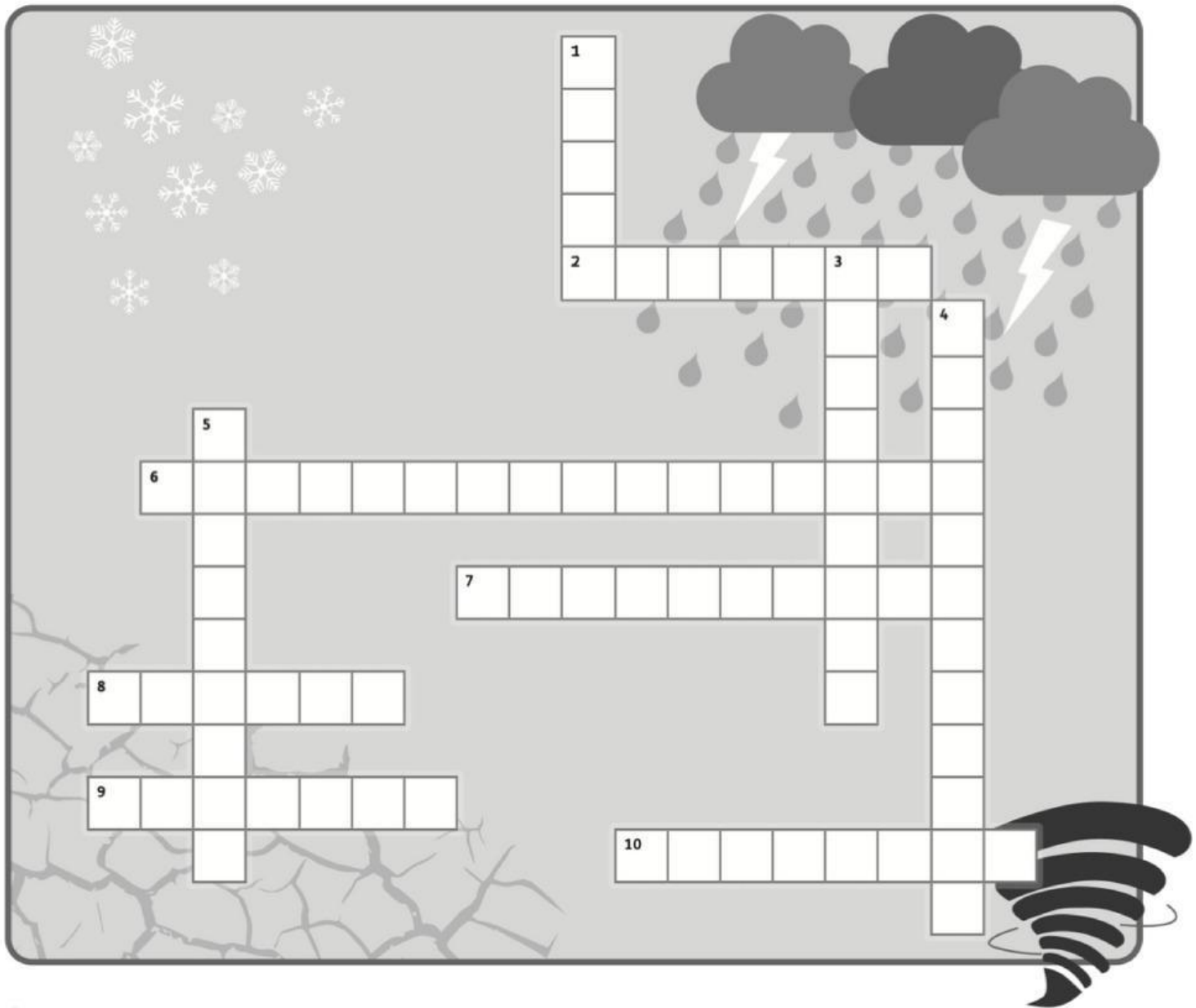


Our planet crossword

Work with a partner. Read the clues and solve the crossword.

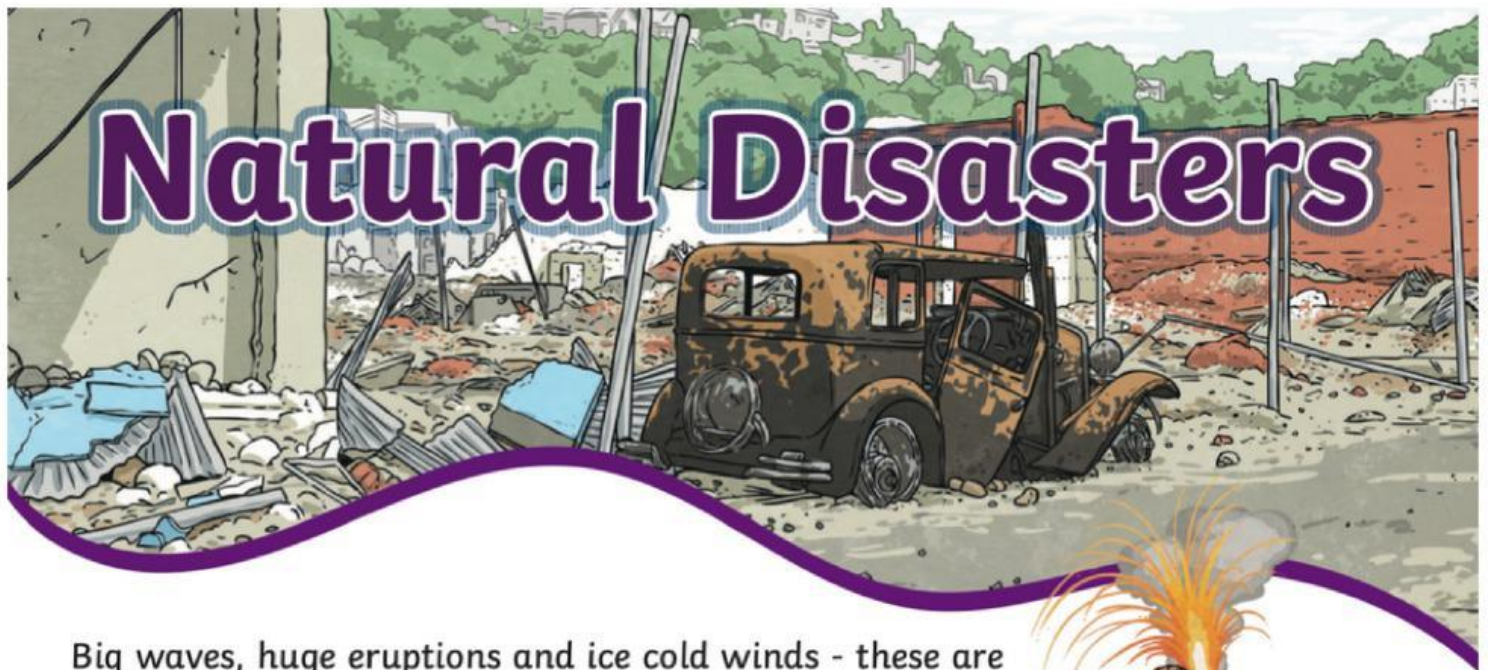


Across

- 2 This is when it doesn't rain for a long time.
- 6 This is when smoke and a hot red liquid comes out of the top of a mountain.
- 7 This starts deep in the Earth and can make buildings fall down.
- 8 This is when the sun goes down.
- 9 This is when the sun comes up.
- 10 This is when it snows a lot.

Down

- 1 This is when too much rain falls, and there is a lot of water on the ground.
- 3 This is a very strong wind that moves in a big circle.
- 4 This is when there is a lot of rain and noise from the clouds.
- 5 This is a large piece of land.



Big waves, huge eruptions and ice cold winds - these are just a few things that happen naturally and can quickly turn into a disaster! Understanding these disasters can help us stay safe and prepared. Let's explore some of these natural disasters!



Volcanic Eruptions

Think about a mountain with hot lava running down it. That's a volcanic eruption! It is as if volcanoes are earth's way of getting out hot magma, ash, and gas. People living close to volcanoes must always be prepared in case of an eruption. This is so they can get away and stay safe. Volcanic eruptions can also help to make new land if it happens under the sea.



Tsunamis

Have you ever been to the beach and seen really big waves? Now think about those waves being up to 20 times bigger - that is how big tsunami's waves can be! These waves because of an earthquake that happens under the sea. They are very fast and strong and can wash people and buildings away.



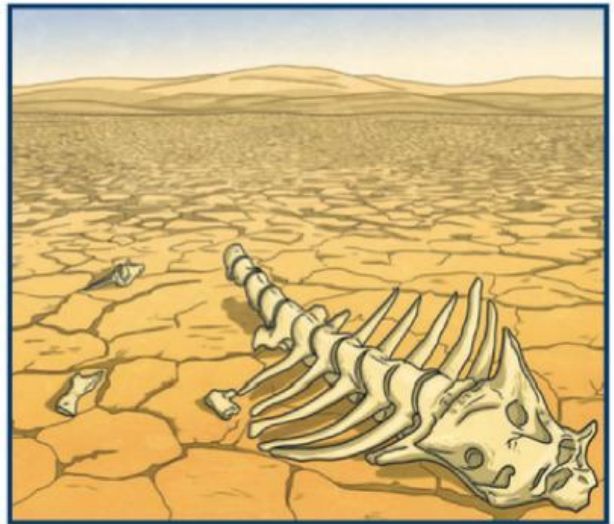
Blizzards

Blizzards are very bad snow storms with lots of wind and snow. When a blizzard happens, there is a chance that everything will be covered in deep snow. This sometimes makes it hard for people to move around.



Droughts

When it does not rain for a very very long time, it can cause a drought. In some areas, the soil becomes very dry and even the plants do not have water. This is bad because all living things like plants, people and animals need water to live.



Nature is full of interesting things, and by learning about them means we can be prepared if we find ourselves in one of them.



Vocabulary

Match the words by drawing lines to their definitions.

1. Blizzard

2. Volcanic eruption

3. Drought

4. Tsunami

A. Very big waves caused by an earthquake under the water.

B. A mountain with hot lava running down it.

C. A very bad snow storm with lots of wind.

D. This happens when it does not rain for a very long time.

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. Why is it important to learn about natural disasters?

2. Why must people who live close to a volcano always be prepared?

3. What makes tsunami's bad?

True or false

1. Droughts bring lots of rain to a place.

True

False

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2. Volcanic eruptions make new land when they happen under the sea.

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3. There is snow that comes out of a volcano.

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Writing Questions

1. Which one of these disasters would you never want to be in? Why do you say so?
