


**1 Match the natural disasters in the box with their effects below. Have there been any disasters like these in the news recently? What happened?**

avalanche drought earthquake flood forest fire  
~~hurricane~~ tornado volcanic eruption

- 1** A storm over a tropical sea, causes incredible destruction when it hits land. *hurricane*
- 2** A long thin cloud and violent wind, destroys everything in its path.
- 3** After heavy rainfall, rivers break their banks and water covers the land.
- 4** Hot gases pour out of the top of a mountain and lava covers the earth.
- 5** Snow, ice and rocks fall down a mountainside.
- 6** The ground shakes, buildings fall down, people are trapped.
- 7** A lack of water. Plants die and the grass turns brown.
- 8** Trees and plants burn and houses may go up in flames.

- 5  3.26 In pairs, look at the notes and think about the missing words. Then listen again and complete the notes with no more than two words in each gap.



## Advice for surviving earthquakes

- If you're inside, <sup>1</sup> stay inside, don't run outside.
- Get <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a desk or table, cover your head, hold onto the table legs.
- Don't <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in a doorway.
- To leave a <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, go down the stairs, don't take the lift.
- If you're outside, move <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from buildings. Get to an open space & don't go near power lines.
- If you <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, stop your car. It's safer to stay inside. Don't park on or under a <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

- 5 Complete the news report with the words from the box.

destruction drills evacuate flames panic rescue  
ruins shook survivors trapped victims warnings

The earthquake was a surprise. There hadn't been any <sup>1</sup> warnings of seismic activity. The ground <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and a few people screamed but most of them didn't <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Because of regular earthquake <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the workers knew to go down the stairs to <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the office block. There was a loud explosion and smoke and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ rose above the building. Everyone ran to safety. The <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ was terrible. Unfortunately, there were hundreds of <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Three days later two <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ were found under the building. They had been <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the basement. The emergency workers worked tirelessly to <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ them. As they emerged from the <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, people cheered.