



# FILL IN THE BLANK



## AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRES

Complete the text with the words from the box.

Australian (1) \_\_\_\_\_ happen every year and have a big (2) \_\_\_\_\_ on large areas of the country. Some fires start because of human activities, while others happen because of a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ such as storms or (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

The hot and dry weather creates dangerous (5) \_\_\_\_\_ that allow fires to grow quickly. In some cases, the fires become so (6) \_\_\_\_\_ that they destroy houses, forests, and wildlife.

However, bush fires are also an important part of Australia's (7) \_\_\_\_\_. After a fire, the soil often contains important (8) \_\_\_\_\_ that help plants grow again.

Recently, strong winds caused the fire to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly and create a huge fire (10) \_\_\_\_\_ near Canberra. Some houses near the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of the city were damaged. Scientists said this was a very (12) \_\_\_\_\_ weather event.



### WORD BANK

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| 1. bush fires    | 4. lightning  | 7. ecosystem | 10. tornado |
| 2. effect        | 5. conditions | 8. nutrients | 11. edge    |
| 3. natural cause | 6. powerful   | 9. spread    | 12. rare    |



Be prepared. Be careful. Be safe.

