

Natural disasters



1) Match the pictures with 7 of the words below.

- avalanche / drought / earthquake / famine / flood
- forest fire / hurricane / landslide / tornado / tsunami / volcanic eruption / disease

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2) Which of the natural disasters involve:

1. very hot temperatures? _____
2. rocks or earth moving? _____
3. strong winds? _____
4. water (in any form) or no water _____

3) Decide which natural disaster (ex.1) each person below is speaking about.

1. Mark: If food doesn't reach the poorest region in the south of the country, then a lot of people will die of hunger.

2. Tom: It hasn't rained for over five months in this part of Africa. The crops are dying in the fields.

3. Ann: The flames swept through the dry forest, destroying hundreds of hectares of trees.

4. Sarah: Heavy rains caused tones of rock and mud to slide down the mountainside, destroying a road and a railway line.

5. Alan: We were skiing in the Alps when the snow on the slope above us started to slide down towards us.

6. John: The eruption started at 2 p.m. The mountainside exploded and millions of tones of lava flowed down into the sea.

7. Jane: It starts with a bad headache and sickness. People usually recover if they see a doctor quickly.

4) Match 1-7 with a-g to make sentences.

1. The volcanic eruption has destroyed _____
2. A year without rain has caused _____
3. Doctors in the area _____
4. The United Nations is sending food aid to _____
5. The tsunami reached _____
6. Five skiers were injured in _____
7. The TV report showed the route of _____

- a) the avalanche on Sunday afternoon.
- b) the tornado: it struck the city and then moved east.
- c) the forest and all the homes in the area around the mountain.
- d) say that thousands of people are now ill with the disease.
- e) the coast and destroyed thousands of homes.
- f) the victims of the famine.
- g) a serious drought in Western Australia.

5) Match the headlines (1-5) with the natural disasters in the box.

- earthquake / drought / avalanche
- / famine / volcanic eruption / flood

No rain for a long time in Symbati 1

30 seconds of a terrible shake 2

Entire village under water 3

Cieva Vicja is going to awake after 200 years 4

Lots of snow coming down Weisshorn 5