

Activity 1: Read the article. Find the line(s) with the words in A and match them with the suitable definitions in B.

How to prepare for a natural disaster

Natural disasters can be destructive; they can wreak havoc across large areas and cause loss of life or damage to property. We cannot prevent natural disasters, but we can prepare for them. The first step is to learn about the risks in your area and read the information about natural disasters on local government sites. Next, find out what the rescue and emergency workers advise. These people have been trained to deal with disasters, have been through lots of them and know how to help. Make sure you have all the emergency contact numbers entered in your mobile phone. It is also important that you put together an emergency supply kit. Your emergency supply kit should include food, water, medications, personal hygiene items, copies of personal documents and some money. You may also need some extra clothing if you live in a cold climate. Natural disasters can force people to leave their homes so you should also become familiar with the guidelines for evacuation. Plan safe places to meet your family and get to know the evacuation routes and shelters.

Line 5

Line 10

Line 15

Line 20

A

1. essential

Line _____

2. wreak havoc

Line _____

3. destructive

Line _____

4. guidelines

Line _____

5. emergency

Line _____

B

a. do great damage to something

b. a suddenly dangerous situation

c. necessary

d. instructions of how to do something

e. causing damage, from destroy (v)