

# Unit 9: Natural Disasters

## LISTEN AND READ

Thuy is talking to her grandmother.

**Thuy:** Grandma, it's the weather (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (dự báo) on TV.

**Grandma:** Can you turn up the volume, Thuy?

**Thuy:** Yes, Grandma.

**Weatherman:** Here is tomorrow's weather forecast. Ha Noi and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (khu vực) to the north will be sunny. Ha Noi will have temperatures between 23°C and 27°C. It will be raining along the coast of Thanh Hoa. The south-central coast can expect (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (sấm chớp).

Hue will experience temperatures between 25°C and 30°C. There will also be thunderstorms (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the central highlands.

Areas around the Cuu Long (5) \_\_\_\_\_ can expect clouds during the day. Ho Chi Minh City's temperatures will be between 27°C and 35°C.

**Thuy:** That's all, Grandma.

**Grandma:** Thank you, dear. What are you doing?

**Thuy:** I'm preparing (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a picnic with some old friends of mine. We haven't met (7) \_\_\_\_\_ we left school. We're going to a park (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the other side of the river.

**Grandma:** Don't forget to bring (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a raincoat.

**Thuy:** But Grandma, the forecast says it'll be sunny.

**Grandma:** I never trust weather forecasts.

**Thuy:** You don't miss a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ one on TV, do you?

**Grandma:** But I like watching them, dear.

**Thuy:** Alright Grandma, I'll bring a raincoat just (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (để phòng). I hope my friends won't laugh (10) \_\_\_\_\_ me.

## READ



**Earthquakes:** Ninety percent of earthquakes (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (xảy ra) around the Pacific Rim, which is known (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the 'Ring of Fire'. In 1995, a huge earthquake (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the

city of Kobe in Japan. A large number of people were killed when homes, office blocks and highways (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (sụp đổ).



**Tidal waves:** Tidal waves are the result of an (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (đột ngột) shift in the underwater (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (sự chuyển động) of the Earth. In the 1960s, a huge tidal wave hit Anchorage, Alaska. The tidal wave traveled (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Alaska to California!

**Typhoons:** When a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ ( bão nhiệt đới) reaches 120 kilometers per hour, it is called a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in North and South America, a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in Australia, and a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in Asia. The word 'typhoon' comes from Chinese: tai means 'big' and feng means 'wind', so the word 'typhoon' means 'big wind'.



**Volcanoes:** We can usually predict when a volcano will (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (phun trào). Mount Pinatubo, which is a volcano in the Philippines, erupted in 1991. It was the world's largest (13) \_\_\_\_\_ eruption in more than 50 years. Hundreds of people died, but thousands were

saved because scientists had (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (cảnh báo) them about the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (sự phun trào).

**Tornadoes:** Tornadoes are (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (có dạng hình phễu) storms which pass overland (16) \_\_\_\_\_ a thunderstorm. They can (17) \_\_\_\_\_ (hút lên) anything that is in their path. In Italy in 1981, a tornado (18) \_\_\_\_\_ a baby, who was asleep in its baby (19) \_\_\_\_\_, into the air and put it down (20) \_\_\_\_\_ 100 meters away!

