

La Palma Eruption: Listening activity and vocabulary builder

TASK 0: Check the meaning of the following words. Look them up in the dictionary if necessary.

Affected	Aid	Announced	Authorities
Clouds	Destruction	Devastated	Disaster Zone
Engulfing	Erupted	Eruption	Evacuated
Farms	Flank	Flows	Havoc
Land	Lava	Livelihoods	Molten
Plumes	Provide	Steam	Support
Survived	Toxic gases	Traffic	Volcano
Urging			

Pay attention to the expression: "Cause havoc"



Havoc in modern use, typically carries such meanings as "wide and general destruction," or "great confusion and disorder."

"**Cry Havoc!** (and let slip the dogs of war)" today is used in the sense "to sound an alarm."

havoc can be **played, caused, raised, or made**, meaning "to do great damage to" or "to throw into disorder and confusion." These

uses are more commonly found in British English.

Americans are likelier to use **wreak havoc**.

The verb **wreak** usually means "bring about, cause"

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TASK 1: Then watch the video and place the words in the correct gap:

<https://youtu.be/Q2myPZiNuHk>



Red-hot 1 from a volcano on Spain's La Palma Island has entered the sea sending 2 of steam into the air. The eruption has caused 3 on the island for the last nine days, destroying houses and 4 . Spain's government has declared the island a 5 and will 6 millions of euros in 7 to those 8 .

After nine days of slow 9 , the lava from 10 Cumbre Vieja meets the Atlantic Ocean. 11 erupts from the water potentially sending 12 of 13 into the air. 14 are urging the public to stay away. 15 rock has been flowing down the volcano's western 16 for over a week, 17 hundreds of houses and 18 . Thousands of residents were 19 . Some describe being awoken in the middle of the night and told to leave immediately.

Now they nervously await news if their house has 20 . The Spanish government has 21 a multi-million euro 22 package, some of which will be used to build new homes. "The people of Palma need immediate help. They are 23 by the lava 24 on the island. As you know, many families have lost everything – their homes, their jobs, their 25 , their agriculture. We must give them quick and effective help, which is what the government has tried to do."

Air 26 to the island is still suspended, with ferries to the next island the only way off. It's the first time the volcano has 27 in 50 years, and experts say the 28 could take weeks to stop.