

Choose the best option for each blank.

Earthquakes are among the most destructive (1) \_\_\_\_\_ disasters. They usually occur without any (2) \_\_\_\_\_ warning and often result in a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of life and the collapse of buildings. In addition, earthquakes may cause (4) \_\_\_\_\_ landslides or create gigantic tidal waves. Such a disaster happened in 2004, when an earthquake (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the coast of Indonesia (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a massive tsunami that killed over 200,000 people.



Earthquakes (7) \_\_\_\_\_ mostly where the earth's tectonic plates meet. Massive amounts of energy are (8) \_\_\_\_\_ when two plates push towards, pull apart from or slide past each other. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ millions happen every year there are only a small number that (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and very few that cause damage.

*Collapse of a hotel during an earthquake in El Salvador in 1986*

In many cases, an earthquake (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 30 to 60 seconds. There is hardly any time to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ once the shaking starts. The brutal forces of an earthquake start a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ chain reaction in a building's structure when it is shaken. A building's height, (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and construction materials are significant (15) \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to its inhabitants surviving such a disaster.

<b>1</b>	naturalistic	natural	nature	native
<b>2</b>	ahead	former	past	prior
<b>3</b>	cost	damage	harm	loss
<b>4</b>	devastating	overwhelming	disturbing	shocking
<b>5</b>	of	off	on	at
<b>6</b>	generated	set	triggered	activated
<b>7</b>	occur	are occurring	occurred	are occurred
<b>8</b>	emitted	loosened	escaped	released
<b>9</b>	Although	In spite of	However	Nevertheless
<b>10</b>	are being felt	should be felt	must be felt	can be felt
<b>11</b>	keeps on	lasts	happens	remains
<b>12</b>	divert	discard	escape	abandon
<b>13</b>	dense	compound	difficult	complex
<b>14</b>	shape	figure	character	spirit
<b>15</b>	keys	factors	reasons	causes