1. Complete the text with the words from box.

Earthquakes, hazards, damage, erupted, natural, volcano, destroy, caused, injured

Many natural events can injure or kill people and _____ or _____ homes, farms and cities. Such acts of nature are called "natural _____". Hurricanes, earthquakes, floods and volcanic eruptions are all natural hazards. So are tornadoes, droughts and avalanches.

The natural hazards most feared by the people of Central America are _____. In 1972 an earthquake hit Managua, the capital of Nicaragua. It killed nearly 10,000 people, _____ 20,000 more and destroyed 50,000 houses. In Costa Rica the volcano Irazu _____ in 1963, destroying farms and spreading ash over San Jose, the capital. In Guatemala the _____ Fuego erupted in 1974. It destroyed many coffee farms and _____ other damage.

No part of the world is totally free from _____ hazards.

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