

1. Choose the words from the box and write them to the corresponding picture.

Blizzard, tsunami, tornado, earthquake, forestfire, mudslide, avalanche, drought, flood, sandstorm, landslide, hurricane



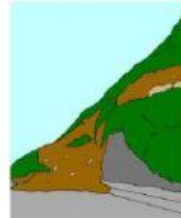








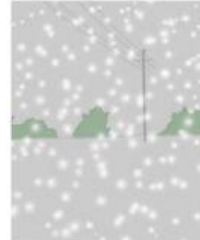














2. Match the names of the natural disasters from task 1 with their definitions.

- a) a long, high sea wave caused by an earthquake or other disturbance;
- b) a mass of snow, ice, and rocks falling rapidly down a mountainside;
- c) a sudden violent shaking of the ground, typically causing great destruction, as a result of movements within the earth's crust or volcanic action;
- d) a storm with a violent wind, in particular a tropical cyclone in the Caribbean
- e) a severe snowstorm with high winds;
- f) an overflow of a large amount of water beyond its normal limits;
- g) a strong, dangerous wind that forms itself into an upside-down spinning cone and is able to destroy buildings as it moves across the ground;
- h) it refers to a high amount of wind occurring in sandy areas, usually in deserts;
- i) a prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water;

- j) a fire burning in an area of land with many trees, that is difficult to control and sometimes spreads quickly;
- k) a mass of mud moving suddenly and quickly down a steep slope;
- l) a mass of rock and earth moving suddenly and quickly down a steep slope.

3. Fill in the gaps using the words below.

Tornado, earthquake, forestfire, avalanche, drought, landslide, hurricane, tsunami.

- 1) The ground shook and buildings collapsed during the _____.
- 2) Due to the strong wind, the _____ spread quickly through the forest.
- 3) The _____ tore down trees and blew roofs off houses.
- 4) Heavy rain, which made the ground unstable, caused the _____.
- 5) After months with no rain, a terrible _____ ruined the local farming economy.
- 6) Four skiers were trapped on the mountain slope by the _____.
- 7) A violent storm with very heavy rain is known as a _____.
- 8) The _____ was the hugest wave anyone had ever seen.