

Global problems

1 Complete sentences 1 – 15 with the correct word or phrase from A, B or C. In each case two of the options are incorrectly spelt.

- Thousands of buildings were flattened in the San Francisco of 1906.
A. earthquack B. earthquake C. earthquaik
- The damaged properties all along the coast.
A. hurricane B. huricocene C. huricane
- A struck the southern coast with tremendous force.
A. tornadoe B. tornado C. tornaddo
- The caused immense damage in the regions along the coast.
A. taifun B. typhone C. typhoon
- The has been dormant for years, but last month it showed signs of new life.
A. volcano B. vulcano C. volcanoe
- Several were heard during the night as the army occupied the city.
A. explosions B. explosiones C. explosions
- The American of 1861–1865 was fought between the south and the north.
A. civil war B. sivil war C. civvil war
- There has been a major on the motorway.
A. accident B. accident C. accidtent
- rain has brought serious problems.

A. Torrential B. Torential C. Torrantial

10. The storm caused widespread along the coast.

A. devbastation B. devustation C. devastation

11. The were caused by heavy rain.

A. floodes B. floods C. flouds

12. Relief workers are bringing food to-stricken areas.

A. draught B. drought C. drouhgt

13. is widespread in parts of Africa, with millions suffering from malnutrition.

A. Famine B. Fammine C. Faminne

14. The authorities are taking steps to prevent an of cholera.

A. epidemmic B. epidemic C. eppidemic

15. The was spread from rats to fleas and then on to humans.

A. plague B. plaque C. plague

2 Complete the sentences with an appropriate word or phrase from the box. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

broke out casualties disaster erupted refugees relief
shook spread suffering survivors

1. The disease rapidly, killing everybody in its path.
2. The fire through the slums, destroying everything.

3. When the volcano , people panicked and tried to escape.
4. The ground violently when the earthquake began.
5. Fierce fighting between government soldiers and rebel forces.
6. A funeral was held for the of the fire.
7. An aid convoy was sent to help of the hurricane.
8. from the conflict in Mantagua have been fleeing across the border.
9. The poor people in the city have experienced terrible as a result of the disaster.
10. International aid agencies are trying to bring to the starving population.

3 Complete this report with words and phrases from Exercises 1 and 2. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

REPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CHARITIES SUPPORT FOUNDATION (ICSF)

The last year has been a particularly busy one for the ICSF. Outlined below are a few of the areas we have been busy in.

1. Following 1 rain in eastern Mozamlumbi in January, millions were made homeless as
2. waters rose. The water also became polluted and there was a cholera 3 as people continued to use it for drinking and cooking. Furthermore, as the harvest had been destroyed and there was not enough food to go round, 4 became a problem. Charities around

the world worked particularly hard to bring
5..... to the area.

2. Mount Etsuvius, the 6..... which had been
dormant since 1968, 7..... suddenly in
April. Thousands had to be evacuated to camps 30 miles from the
disaster area. They still have not been rehoused.

3. The 8..... in the Caribbean in July, which
saw wind speeds of up to 180 miles per hour, caused immense
9..... on many islands. Islands off the
Japanese coast also suffered their worst
10..... in almost 30 years, with prolonged
winds in excess of 150 miles per hour. There were many
11..... who had to be evacuated to hospitals
which were not properly equipped to deal with the disasters.

4. The 12..... in the northern part of Somopia
continued into its second year, with millions of acres of crops destroyed
by lack of rain. Meanwhile, the 13.....
between those loyal to the president and those supporting the rebel
leader continued into its fifth year. 14.....
from the conflict have been fleeing across the border, with stories of
atrocities committed by both sides.

5. In October, a fire 15..... through Londum,
the ancient capital of Perania. The
16....., which probably started in a
bakery, destroyed thousands of homes. There were several
17..... when the fire reached a fireworks
factory, and a number of people were killed.

6. An outbreak of bubonic 18..... was
reported in the eastern provinces of Indocuba in November. It is
believed to have been caused by a sudden increase in the number of rats
breeding in the sewers.

A full report will be available in February, and will be presented to the
appropriate departments of the United Nations shortly afterwards.