

1. Complete the passage with the words from the box

flooding

mudslide

avalanche

twister

result

famine

volcanic

plates

Mother nature can be a bit scary at times. These days there seem to be more and more occurrences of natural disasters happening around the world.

An (1) _____ is the large movement of snow down the side of a mountain. They occur when the snow becomes too loose and as it slides down it mixes with air and water to cause a powerful and dangerous disaster. A drought happens when there has been no rain in a place for a long time.

A drought may result in a (2) _____ ; this is when there is not enough food to feed the people and they start to starve.

An earthquake occurs when the (3) _____ of the earth start to move and the ground begins to move and shake. The size of earthquakes is measured on the Richter scale.

A flood occurs when a large amount of water covers the land. Too much rain usually causes floods. As sea levels continue to rise, the risk of (4) _____ increases.

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(5)_____ in strong winds and heavy rain. When they happen in the Atlantic Ocean we call them Hurricanes; however, they are called Typhoons when they happen in the Pacific Ocean.

A landslide happens on a slope like a mountain or a hill. The rocks and earth become loose and fall down the slope. When soil on the slope is wet, a (6)_____ may occur.

A tornado, which is casually known as a (7)_____, is a very large column of wind that spins around very quickly. The power of a Tornado can cause the winds to destroy houses and pick up and throw heavy items.

(8)_____ eruptions are caused by the plates of the earth moving and the pressure makes magma push up through the cracks in the earth.

