

STARLIGHT 8 MODULE 1 Introduction

1. Fill in with: *technological inventions, hit, volcanic eruptions, rescue, mine collapse, launched, earthquake, caused, erupted, tropical storms, tsunami.*

- 1) A lot of people lost their homes in the Everything was in ruins.
- 2) become hurricanes at 120 km/h.
- 3) Two volcanoes during the summer of 2008 on the eastern Aleutian Islands.
- 4) As Iron Man, he uses his to fight different dangerous threats.
- 5) Highly trained dogs helped to people after the earthquake.
- 6) The Rocky Mountains are formed with a lot of small
- 7) Time Warner WB, a new broadcast TV network
- 8) In early 2012 three miners were seriously injured in
- 9) Huge tropical storms many deaths.
- 10) The Meteorological Agency said there was no danger of waves.
- 11) Tropical storms and typhoons often the region during the summer.

2. a) Read the texts and decide what they are about.

- A) **The Microsoft Corporation**
- B) **The Atacama Desert**
- C) **New Orleans**
- D) **Iceland**
- E) **Japan**

- 1) This place is an island country in East Asia in the Pacific Ocean. It is also known as the Land of the Rising Sun. The capital city is Tokyo and the population is 127 million people.
- 2) This place is in Chile in South America to the west of the Andes Mountains. It covers a 1000-km strip of land along the Pacific coast. It is said to be the driest place in the world.
- 3) It is an island country in the North Atlantic Ocean. It is part of Europe and the capital city is Reykjavik. It has a population of 318,452 people. It is famous for its volcanoes and glaciers.
- 4) It is a large city in the state of Louisiana, in the south of the USA. It has a population of 1.2 million people and covers 9,726 square km. It is famous for its jazz music, its cuisine and its festivals, especially Mardi Gras.
- 5) It is an American company that develops and manufactures a range of computing, gaming and electronic products including Windows, Microsoft Office, Xbox 360, as well as digital services including MSN and Windows Phone. It was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in 1975.

b) Read the texts and answer the questions.

Which place is

- 1) ...famous for its music style?
- 2) ... the driest place in the world?
- 3) ... has a nickname?
- 4) ... deals with technologies?
- 5) ... famous for huge mass of ice and snow?