



READING

Task 1. Read and answer the questions.

Vietnam usually has a dozen storms every year from June through the end of November. November 2nd, 1997, however, was an unexpected day when the major storm Linda raged in the South. Linda was the worst typhoon in Southern Vietnam over 100 years. Formed in the sea of the Philippines, Linda strengthened as it moved westward. Later, it struck extreme Southern Vietnam with winds of 100 kilometres an hour. Over 3000 people were reported lost and died. Ca Mau province, suffered a direct hit by the storm, had the most damage. Gusts and heavy rainfalls caused flooding, destroyed crops, damaged about 200,000 houses and left about 383,000 people homeless. Linda later struck Thailand, causing flash flooding and at least 164 deaths. The storm also affected Myanmar, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Cambodia to a lesser degree.

1. When is the typhoon season in Vietnam?

2. Where in Vietnam was struck by Typhoon Linda?

3. What was the wind speed of Typhoon Linda when it hit Southern Vietnam?

4. How many homes were destroyed in Typhoon Linda?

5. Where did Typhoon Linda pass over after striking Vietnam?

Task 2. Read the following text and use the words given in the box to fill in the blanks.

different	most	common	against	small
ago	region	storms	social	has

As South Texas continues to battle (1) _____ Harvey's record rainfall, the people of Louisiana are marking a tragic anniversary. Twelve years (2) _____, on

August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall near New Orleans. It was one of the (3) _____ devastating natural disasters to ever hit the United States, and the (4) _____ still bears its scars.

Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Katrina are (5) _____ beasts, to be sure. Harvey's lingering wrath is very different than Katrina's swift and destructive turn, and the (6) _____ and infrastructural collapses that followed. So far, Harvey (7) _____ claimed a number of lives, but it is a (8) _____ fraction of Katrina's 1,800+ victims.

From a meteorological perspective, though, how do these (9) _____ compare? Other than timing - an interesting but easily explained coincidence - do they have anything in (10) _____ other than adjacent chambers in the nation's memory?

(Source: <http://www.edition.cnn.com>)

Task 3. Read and do the tasks.

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground and is often - although not always - visible as a funnel cloud. Lightning and hail are common in thunderstorms that produce tornadoes. Tornadoes cause extensive damage to structures and disrupt transportation, power, water, gas, communications, and other services in its direct path and in neighbouring areas. Related thunderstorms can cause heavy rains, flash flooding, and hail.

About 1,200 tornadoes hit the United States every year and every state is at risk. Most tornadoes in the United States occur east of the Rocky Mountains with concentrations in the central and southern plains, the Gulf Coast and Florida.

Tornadoes can strike in any season, but occur most often in the spring and summer months. They can occur at all hours of the day and night, but are most likely to occur between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

(Source: <https://www.rendy.gov>)

a. Answer the following questions.

1. What is a tornado?

2. What is common in thunderstorms that produce tornadoes?

3. What can related thunderstorms cause?

4. How many tornadoes hit the United States every year?

5. Which seasons can tornadoes strike?

b. Put True (T) or False (F) at the beginning of the statements below.

6. _____ A tornado extends from thunderstorm to the ground.
7. _____ Tornadoes cause slight damage to structures.
8. _____ Every state in the US is at risk of being hit by tornadoes.
9. _____ No tornadoes in the United States occur east of the Rocky Mountains, the Gulf Coast and Florida.
10. _____ Tornadoes occur between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. only.

Task 4. Read the email from Chris to his friend, Luke. Choose the best word or phrase, B, C, or D, for each numbered space.

Hi Luke,

Did you watch that program about natural disasters last night? It was excellent! I was a bit bored at the beginning, because the first disaster was snow coming down a mountainside. I'm not sure that (1) _____ are really disasters, but they are horrible for skiers.

After the first break, there was a sad story about a (2) _____ in a part of India. It didn't rain for nine months, and there was no water in any of the lakes or rivers. All the food plants died, and people brought things into the area by truck every day.

Next, we had a story about a kind of storm. It turns very fast over water and sometimes causes a lot of damage when it goes over land. It's called a (3) _____.

There's another program next week about other natural disasters, but this program ended with some advice. The presenter said people need to be ready, but that is strange, because he also said there is often no (4) _____ that a natural disaster will happen.

Next week, we will learn about the (5) _____ of natural disasters, which will be very interesting. Do you want to come and watch it with me?

Best wishes,

Chris

1.	A. blizzards	B. avalanches	C. landslides	D. earthquakes
2.	A. heat wave	B. drought	C. wildfire	D. fire
3.	A. typhoon	B. tsunami	C. wave	D. wind
4.	A. extinguisher	B. kit	C. plan	D. warning
5.	A. expects	B. informs	C. causes	D. supplies



WRITING

Task 1. Reorder the words to make full sentences.

1. the/ dangerous/ flood/ disasters/ in/ most/ world/ of/ the/ is/ one.

2. many/ shelter/ had/ 9 o'clock/ their homes/ by/ people/ camps/ fled/ to/ already/ seek/ in.

3. be/ with/ people/ homeless/ will/ temporary/ provided/ accommodation.

4. a/ Friday/ by/ 6.9/ Indonesia/ magnitude/ was/ earthquake/ powerful/ on/ struck.

5. the earthquake/ hundreds/ completely/ of/ destroyed/ homes/ hit/ the City/ were/ when.

6. natural/ typhoons and floods/ the/ in/ most/ are/ frequent/ Vietnam/ disasters?

7. escape/ before/ people/ had/ to/ fire crews/ the fire/ arrived/ four/ managed.

8. property/ people's/ disasters/ devastate/ destroy/ their/ lives/ natural/ and.

9. a safe place / An escape plan / you know / how to / will help / get outside / and go to /

10. earthquake / tsunami / undersea / A large / started a /

Task 2. Turn these sentences into the passive voice.

1. When will you do the work?

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2. How many days did she spend to finish the work?

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3. How do you spend this amount of money?

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4. What books are people reading this year?

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5. How did the police find the lost man?

