

NATURAL DISASTERS



1 Read and choose correct words.

Frank Lobos (1) **plays / played** for the national Chilean football team in the 1980s and 1990s. Today he (2) **don't / doesn't** play professional football, he works as a miner. Carlos Barrios (3) **drive / drives** a taxi and he also works as a miner. Carlos Mamani is from Bolivia but he (4) **move / moved** to Chile 10 years ago.

What do these men have in common? Well, they (5) **work usually / usually work** in the San José mine but (6) **his / their** lives changed on 5th August 2010. There (7) **was / were** a landslide inside the mine. Thirty-three miners were 700m under the ground and they (8) **could / couldn't** leave. How did they (9) **survive / survived**? They had air and it was warm under the ground. They ate fish and biscuits and drank milk. On Day 17, the men sent a note to the surface. It said, 'The 33 of us are well'.

Now, I'm outside the San José mine in Chile, 69 days after the landslide. (10) **There is / There are** many people here, including relatives, journalists and the president of Chile. (11) **When / Why** are they screaming and shouting? Because the last miner (12) **comes / is coming** out right now. It's 10.00pm on Wednesday 13th October 2010. The rescue operation is finished and the 33 miners are safe!

2 Listen to three news reports – match reports with pictures



3 Listen again and complete the table with information about each report.

FLOOD EARTHQUAKE TORNADO

1091 1906 1607

25 000 buildings 500km² of land 600 houses

450 – 700 2000 2

	REPORT 1	REPORT 2	REPORT 3
DISASTER ?			
YEAR?			
WHAT DID IT DESTROY?			
KILLED PEOPLE?			

4 Listen again and answer the questions?

How fast was the tornado?

What bridge did it destroy?

Did the tornado destroy any churches?

How high was the water in Bristol?

How fast did the flood travel in Bristol?

How long was the earthquake?

How long were the fires in San Francisco?

How many people did lose their homes?