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Natural Disasters

1 Find the odd word out and explain your choice. Use a dictionary.

A	cracks aftershock whirlwind tremor	B	heavy snow gale downpour rainstorm	C	effect consequence cause result
D	terrified thrilled scared horrified	E	gases lava ash thunder	F	issue a warning send a rescue team supply water evacuate victims

e.g.: A) Whirlwind is different as it is connected with a tornado whereas the other words are linked to an earthquake.

2 Match the disasters with the headlines.

1	avalanche	A	Lava threatens town
2	hurricane	B	Crops fail as dry weather continues
3	blizzard	C	Speeding wall of snow sweeps away skiers
4	earthquake	D	Storms and high winds leave thousands homeless
5	tsunami	E	Streets, houses, and fields submerged – hundreds stranded
6	landslide	F	Tidal wave causes deaths and damages homes on Solomon Islands
7	volcanic eruption	G	City destroyed in massive quake - casualties to be counted
8	drought	H	Heavy snowfall cuts off mountain villages
9	famine	I	Death toll from mudslides rises to 106
10	flood	J	Food aid urgently needed



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3 Match the disasters with their definitions.

1 wildfire	A lava, ash and gases are expelled from a vent of a mountain
2 flood	B a very powerful storm, often at tropical sea
3 tornado/twister	C a huge wave caused by an earthquake or volcanic eruption in the sea
4 volcanic eruption	D mass downhill movement of soil, usually after heavy rain
5 blizzard	E an uncontrolled fire that occurs in the countryside, usually forest
6 hurricane	F abnormally dry weather that damages crops and dries up wells
7 tsunami	G a rapid flow of snow down a slope
8 drought	H a severe storm with very cold strong winds and a lot of snow
9 landslide	I an area of land usually dry becomes covered in water
10 avalanche	J very strong circular winds which suck things into them

4 Fill in the gaps in the texts about disasters with missing expressions.

grow dried up animals dry crop wells

A This year's __1__ has been lost. The land here is so __2__ now that the farmers are unable to __3__ anything. All the __4__ have __5__ and there are dead __6__ everywhere.

best drought inevitable predicted control heat

B Wildfires have been raging out of __1__ across much of southern Europe. Serious __2__ and searing __3__ has led to conditions where fires are almost __4__ "We're doing the __5__ we can," said one fire-fighter, "but things are so bad at the moment! We're at our limit." Fortunately, rain is __6__ for the weekend.

disaster tornado torrential lost damage landslides

C With __1__ rain leading to __2__ and then flooding, many people in Brazil are suffering from the third natural __3__ in the last twelve months. Last year the same area experienced a freak __4__ and then six months later an earthquake that caused severe __5__ to many buildings. "These people are desperate for aid. They've __6__ everything – not once, but three times!"



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residents hit category hurricane expert property

- D Hurricane Georgina, the seventh of the year, __1__ the coast of Florida causing significant damage to __2__. It's the third major __3__ to reach the coast in the last four weeks and __4__ are worried that this year will be the worst in recent history. "It's unprecedented for us to have this number of __5__ seven storms this early in the year," said one __6__.

havoc stranded inches emergency winter advice

- E More than 10 __1__ of snow have fallen in just 24 hours causing __2__ to much of the south of England. "It's the worst __3__ I've ever known," said one __4__ motorist. Airports were closed and __5__ services were at full stretch. "Stay at home, unless you really have to travel," was the __6__ from the authorities.

5 Fill in each gap with an unscrambled word. The first and last letters are in the right positions.

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SUTRCK	RBLBUE	CAIELMD	DAAMGE

The earthquake which __1__ Los Angeles yesterday is now believed to have __2__ more than twenty lives. Hundreds more people have been __3__.

The quake, which started at about 6 am while most people were asleep, has caused extensive __4__. Several large buildings collapsed and many smaller were completely __5__. A number of roads leading into the city are unusable.

Rescue teams are continuing to search for __6__ who may be __7__ in the __8__.

6 Match the words to make expressions about natural disasters.

violent	services	impassable	refugees
local	toll	flood	water
emergency	supplies	contaminated	consequences
food & water	movement	desperate	roads
death	authorities	devastating	warning



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7 Read the text about volcanoes and fill in ONE word which best fits each space.

An unchanging planet?

If you think of the Earth __1__ a stable and unchanging planet, think again. Nearly five billion years __2__ it was first formed, the Earth is still developing - __3__ alarming ways. Unlike earthquakes that strike __4__ warning, volcanoes which build up __5__ months are usually easier to predict. But their spectacular climax is no __6__ devastating. A volcano can erupt in many different ways __7__ it can spill out a variety of materials. Mild eruption spurt gas, steam and hot water and are __8__ geysers. Larger volcanoes shoot out ash and large blocks of hot rock into the __9__, and enormous fountains of glowing red hot lava that flow __10__ the sides of the volcano. This liquid lava quickly thickens into a steaming sticky carpet __11__ can travel 150 km before it stops and turns __12__. Lava floods set fire to and destroy __13__ that stands in their way. Famously, in AD 79, the Roman city of Pompeii __14__ covered in lava and ash, preserving buildings and some of their content to __15__ day.

8 Answer the questions and discuss your notes in a small group.

Have you ever experienced extreme weather?

What was it? What happened?

What types of extreme weather are most common in the Czech Republic?

What can people do to protect themselves against the consequences of extreme weather?



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Answer key:

- 1) A whirlwind, B heavy snow (not a hurricane), C cause (not after a disaster), D thrilled (not a negative feeling), E thunder (not a volcanic eruption), F issue a warning (not an emergency help)
- 2) 1C, 2D, 3H, 4G, 5F, 6I, 7A, 8B, 9J, 10E
- 3) 1E, 2I, 3J, 4A, 5H, 6B, 7C, 8F, 9D, 10G
- 4)
 - A) 1 crop, 2 dry, 3 grow, 4 wells, 5 dried up, 6 animals
 - B) 1 control, 2 drought, 3 heat, 4 inevitable, 5 best, 6 predicted
 - C) 1 torrential, 2 landslides, 4 disaster, 4 tornado, 5 damage, 6 lost
 - D) 1 hit, 2 property, 3 hurricane, 4 residents, 5 category, 6 expert
 - E) 1 inches, 2 havoc, 3 winter, 4 stranded, 5 emergency, 6 advice
- 5) 1 struck, 2 claimed, 3 injured, 4 damage, 5 destroyed, 6 survivors, 7 trapped, 8 rubble
- 6) violent movement, local authorities, emergency services, food & water supplies, death toll; impassable roads, flood warning, contaminated water, desperate refugees, devastating consequences
- 7) 1 as, 2 after, 3 in, 4 without, 5 for, 6 less, 7 because, 8 called, 9 air/atmosphere, 10 down, 11 which/that 12 solid, 13 everything, 14 became/was 15 this
- 8) student's own answers

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