

# Natural Disasters

At today's lesson we are going to

- ❖ revise the words on the topic
- ❖ revise Grammar rules (tenses)



**earthquake**

**avalanche**

**disaster**

**hail**

**save**

**destroy**

**help**

**rescue**

**build**

**collapse**

**damage**

**harm**

**horrific**

**terrible**

**huge**

**violent**

**happen**

**take part**

**take place**

**occur**

**rip**

**cause**

**toss**

**uproot**

**form**

**generate**

**develop**

**reach**

# Speaking



What disaster is it?

It's hail.

What can it cause?

Hail usually causes lots of damage to buildings, cars, plants and crops.

How often does it occur in your native place?

In my native place (Kemerovo) hail occurs not very often, about once a summer and it's not very destructive.

# Speaking

What disaster is it?

What can it cause?

How often does it occur in your native place?



3 Answer the following questions. Which parts of the text helped you decide?

Which person or people ...

- 1 suffered injuries?
- 2 helped other people?
- 3 felt calm at first?
- 4 gives details about the time and place of the disaster?
- 5 was helped by someone else?
- 6 achieved something unexpected?

4 a Find all passive verb forms in the text. Change the sentences to the Active Voice.

b Explain the words and phrases in bold. Check in the Word List.

5 Work in groups of five. Interview the people who wrote texts A-D on p. 74.

## Vocabulary

### Natural disasters

6 Read the dictionary entries. What are these disasters called in your language? What causes each one? Which of them can you see in the pictures A-D?

**drought** /draʊt/ (n) a period of time with no rain

**flood** /flʌd/ (n) large amount of water that covers an area which is usually dry

**tornado** /toʊ'nɑːdoʊ/ (n) a violent wind storm which consists of a tall column of air spinning around very fast

**tsunami** /tsʊ'nɑːmi/ (n) a huge wave which crashes onto land and is caused by an earthquake

**earthquake** /ɜːθ'kwweɪk/ (n) a shaking of the ground

**cyclone** /saɪ'klɒn/ (n) a violent tropical storm in which the air goes round and round

**avalanche** /æ'velənʃ/ (n) a large mass of snow falling down the side of a mountain

**hurricane** /hʌ'rɪkən/ (n) an extremely violent wind or storm

7 Check the verbs in the Word List. Use them in their correct form to complete the gaps.

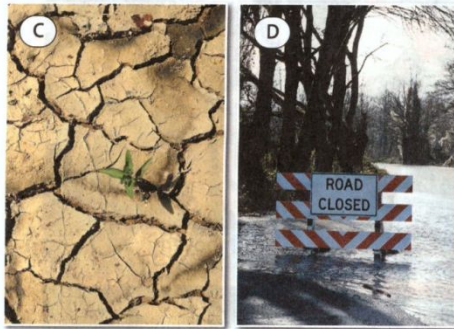
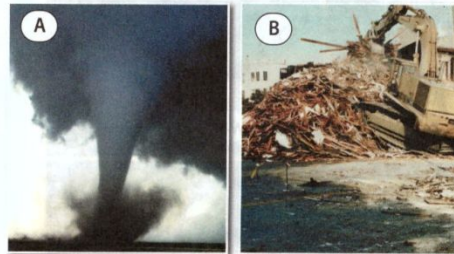
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crack collapse lose

- 1 Thousands of people were ..... homeless.
- 2 Hundreds of sheep ..... when the river overflowed and many other animals ..... their habitats.
- 3 Many roads ..... and a five-storey apartment building ..... like a house of cards. The people in the building are ..... to be dead.
- 4 Several skiers were ..... alive and the road was completely ..... with snow.

Which natural disaster from Ex. 6 is each sentence talking about?

## Speaking

8 **THINK!** Which of the disasters below are common in your country? Which seems the most serious to you? Why?



9 **THINK!** Read the texts again. Work in pairs. Imagine you are a survivor of the tsunami disaster. Act out an interview with a journalist about your experience. How did you feel?

# Vocabulary & Grammar

## SB p.75 ex.7

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**бояться, опасаться**

**покрывать, накрывать**

**оставлять, уходить**

**утонуть**

**хоронить, погребать**

**треснуть, ломаться**

**рушиться, разрушаться**

**терять**

**leave – left - left**

**lose – lost - lost**

**buried**

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- 1 Thousands of people were **left** homeless.
- 2 Hundreds of sheep **drowned** when the river overflowed and many other animals **lost** their habitats.
- 3 Many roads **cracked** and a five-storey apartment building **collapsed** like a house of cards. The people in the building are **feared** to be dead.
- 4 Several skiers were **buried** alive and the road was completely **covered** with snow.

# Homework for the next lesson

- ❖ do the test
- ❖ write about the disasters on slide 4
- ❖ <https://videouroki.net/tests/355166265/>