

WARM UP:

Natural Disasters

A natural disaster is the name of any natural hazard such as floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, volcanoes, earthquakes, or catastrophes that affect the environment in such a way that causes natural resources, financial and loss of life.

VERBS:

Hit, hit (atingir)

Die, died (morrer, falecer)

Kill, Killed (matar)

Spread, spread (espalhar)

Rescue, rescued (resgatar)

Bury, buried (enterrar, soterrar)

Devastate, devastated (devastar)

Fall down, fell down (cair)

The town was **hit** by a **tornado** last night.

The **flood** last year was a terrible catastrophe in which many people **died**.

In Northern California, a **wildfire** has **spread** a haze of smoke over 200 miles.

Many buildings **fell down** during the **earthquake**.

After the landslide, volunteers worked in relays to **rescue** people **buried** under the rubble.

His home was **destroyed** in a typhoon.

The volcano erupted in 1980, **devastating** a large area of Washington state.

The next day, an ice **storm left** 400,000 Detroit residents without electricity.

The **hurricane** is moving to the west at about 18 miles per hour.

All flights **have been canceled** because of **fog**.

NATURAL DISASTERS



Tornado



Flood



Wildfire



Earthquake



Drought



Tsunami



Landslide



Typhoon



Volcano eruption



Ice storm



Sinkhole



Sandstorm



Hurricane



Fog



Thunderstorm



Drizzle



Avalanche



Lightning



Extreme heat



Dust storm



Cyclone



Hailstorm



Blizzard



Waterspout

The **cyclone** has resulted in many thousands of deaths.

The fruit trees were **beaten** down by the heavy hailstorm.

Eleanor arrived in the midst of a **blizzard**.

Japan earthquake and tsunami of 2011



Japan earthquake and tsunami of 2011, also called Great Sendai Earthquake or Great Tōhoku Earthquake, severe natural disaster that occurred in northeastern Japan on March 11, 2011. The event began with a powerful earthquake off the northeastern coast of Honshu, Japan's main island, which caused widespread damage on land and initiated a series of large tsunami waves that devastated many coastal areas of the country, most notably in the Tōhoku region (northeastern Honshu). The tsunami also instigated a major nuclear accident at a power station along the coast.

The magnitude-9.0 earthquake struck at 2:46 PM. The epicentre was located some 80 miles (130 km) east of the city of Sendai, Miyagi prefecture, and the focus occurred at a depth of 18.6 miles (about 30 km) below the floor of the western Pacific Ocean. As the search for victims continued, the official count of those confirmed dead or still missing rose to about 28,500. However, as more people thought to be missing were found to be alive, that figure began to drop; by the end of 2011 it had been reduced to some 19,300.

1. When did the biggest tsunami in the history of Japan happen?
2. What was the magnitude of the earthquake?
3. How many people died during the tsunami?
4. What kind of natural disasters are common in your region?