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Natural Disasters

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THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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I don't know about you, but I think there are more natural disasters now than before. Every time I turn on the news there's some kind of disaster. There are bushfires in Australia and California, earthquakes in China, hurricanes in Mexico and droughts in Africa. I'm sure global warming is creating more natural disasters. I'm lucky. Where I live, we don't really have natural disasters. I've never experienced anything like the things on TV. Japan has many natural disasters. They have earthquakes, typhoons, flooding, volcanoes, all kinds of things. They are lucky they have the money to deal with them. There are countries in Africa that aren't rich. When a natural disaster hits them, everyone suffers terribly.



LISTENING GAP FILL

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CORRECT THE SPELLING

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UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
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6. _____

STUDENT NATURAL DISASTERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about natural disasters in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about natural disasters. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about natural disasters. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. NATURAL DISASTERS POSTER Make a poster about natural disasters. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY NATURAL DISASTERS LESSON: Make your own English lesson on natural disasters. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on natural disasters. Share your findings with the class.

