**Vocabulary Practice: Natural Disasters**

**Task 1: Match the words with their definitions**

Match the vocabulary words with the correct definitions.

1. **Consequence**
2. **Casualty**
3. **Shelter**
4. **To damage**
5. **To rescue**
6. **To destroy**
7. **Violent**
8. **Unpredictable**
9. **Seasonal**
10. **To calm down**
11. **To break down**
12. **To go on**
13. **To search relatives**
14. **Traffic was dislocated by the …**
15. **To be evacuated**
16. **Thousands of buildings collapsed**
17. **To support victims**
18. **… did a lot of harm to the …**

A) To help people who are suffering after a disaster.  
B) A person who is injured or killed in a disaster.  
C) A safe place where people can stay.  
D) To reduce something to ruins or make it unusable.  
E) To harm something but not completely ruin it.  
F) A strong, dangerous force (e.g., storm, earthquake).  
G) Difficult to predict.  
H) To take people away from a dangerous place.  
I) Happening at certain times of the year.  
J) To relax after being nervous or angry.  
K) To stop functioning properly.  
L) To continue happening.  
M) To look for family members after a disaster.  
N) The effect of an event or action.  
O) Many buildings fell down during the disaster.  
P) Something badly affected roads, stopping traffic.  
Q) A natural disaster seriously affected an area.  
R) To save someone from danger.

**Task 2: Fill in the gaps**

Complete the sentences using the correct vocabulary words.

1. The tsunami was extremely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, washing away everything in its path.
2. The strong winds managed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power lines and roads.
3. During the earthquake, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within minutes, burying everything underneath.
4. The flood caused many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as people were unable to escape in time.
5. People had to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ immediately as the wildfire spread rapidly.
6. It took a while for the frightened children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after the storm passed.
7. Rescue operations must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until all the missing people are found.
8. After the disaster, many people tried \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who had gone missing.
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ earthquake, making it impossible for cars to pass.
10. Charities and volunteers arrived quickly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the disaster.
11. The tornado \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of houses, making the area uninhabitable.
12. The earthquake had serious \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, leaving thousands of people homeless.
13. The weather in this region is quite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so predicting storms is difficult.
14. Monsoons are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in some Asian countries, bringing heavy rain every year.
15. The phone lines \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the hurricane, leaving people unable to call for help.
16. The hurricane \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coastal villages, destroying crops and homes.
17. After the hurricane, many families had to stay in a temporary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
18. Emergency workers tried \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people trapped under the debris.

**Task 3: Rewrite the sentences**

Paraphrase the following sentences using the vocabulary words.

1. The hurricane caused a lot of destruction to the city.
2. Many people were saved from the flood by rescue teams.
3. The storm caused a lot of damage to the roads, making it impossible to drive.
4. The government gave financial help to those who suffered from the earthquake.
5. The earthquake destroyed thousands of buildings.

**Task 4: Discussion**

Work in pairs or small groups and discuss the following questions using the vocabulary words:

1. What are the most common natural disasters in your country?
2. What can governments do to support victims of natural disasters?
3. Have you ever experienced an unpredictable weather event? What happened?
4. Why is it important to be prepared for natural disasters?
5. What are the consequences of climate change on natural disasters?