**Natural disaster**

**Task 1: Brainstorming**

* Look at the title *"Natural Disasters"*. What types of natural disasters do you already know?
* In pairs or small groups, list as many natural disasters as you can.
* Discuss which natural disasters are common in your country.

**Task 2: Matching Definitions**

Match each natural disaster with its correct definition.

1. **Tornado**
2. **Hurricane**
3. **Tsunami**
4. **Lightning**
5. **Earthquake**
6. **Avalanche**
7. **Wildfire**
8. **Flood**
9. **Drought**

A) A shaking of the ground caused by the sudden movement of rock layers.
B) A strong storm with rotating winds that forms over warm ocean waters.
C) A large wave caused by an underwater earthquake or volcanic eruption.
D) A discharge of electricity between clouds or between clouds and the ground.
E) A fast-moving mass of snow falling down a mountainside.
F) A long period of very dry weather.
G) A dangerous fire that spreads quickly in forests or grasslands.
H) A violent windstorm that forms a funnel-shaped cloud.
I) An overflow of water that submerges normally dry land.

**Task 3: Fill in the Gaps**

Complete the sentences using words from the text.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are most common in August and September and can cause strong winds and heavy rains.
2. The strong winds of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can reach up to 300 miles per hour.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ occurs when a mass of snow falls down a mountainside.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is caused by the discharge of electricity between clouds or between a cloud and the Earth.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the shaking of the ground due to the sudden movement of rock within the Earth’s crust.
6. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a large ocean wave caused by an underwater earthquake.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can happen when a river overflows after heavy rainfall.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a period of extremely dry weather with little or no rain.
9. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can be caused by lightning or human negligence, burning forests and grasslands.

**Task 4: Discussion**

Discuss the following questions in pairs or small groups.

1. Which natural disaster do you think is the most dangerous? Why?
2. Have you ever experienced a natural disaster? Describe what happened.
3. What should people do to prepare for hurricanes, earthquakes, or floods?
4. How can human activities increase the risks of natural disasters?
5. What can governments do to support people affected by natural disasters?

**Task 6: Writing Task**

Write a short paragraph (6–8 sentences) about one of the natural disasters mentioned in the text. Include the following:

* A definition of the disaster
* How it occurs
* Its consequences
* Possible ways to stay safe