

READING & SPEAKING



Natural Disasters



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SECTION 1

Part A. Let's Read

Look at the picture and title. What do you think the story is about? Then, read the story.

The Great Flood



It was still sunny when Dad and I set out in our little fishing boat. We sat quietly with our fishing rod in the middle of the water. Suddenly, Dad looked at the sky. It was getting darker.

"Jake, quickly pack up the fishing gear! We need to get back to land!" he shouted. "I think a storm is coming!"

We got back to land as fast as we could. As soon as we tied our boat to the dock, it started to rain heavily. Dad and I ran back to our house. Lightning and thunder soon filled the sky.

The phone rang. Dad looked very worried as he talked on the phone. "There is a flood down by the village. We must move up to higher ground," said Dad as he put down the phone.

I grabbed my backpack and filled it with food, a bottle of water, and a flashlight. Dad and I quickly moved uphill. I looked down at our village and saw that water had flooded most of the streets. Clothes and paper were floating everywhere. Cars were disappearing underwater.

It was known as the great flood of 1993.

Part B. Let's Talk

What happened to the author's village?

What was the weather like?

Why did the village get flooded?

Are there floods in Hong Kong?

Part C. My New Words

Write down the words and their meanings. Next, draw pictures to show the words.

1

Word: _____

It means: _____

I can draw it!

2

Word: _____

It means: _____

I can draw it!

3

Word: _____

It means: _____

I can draw it!

4

Word: _____

It means: _____

I can draw it!

★ Practice spelling these words at home!

Part D. Vocabulary Check

Find words that match each of the following definitions.

1

An area where boats and ships stay and where people get off and on

2

A small town that is not near the city

3

Water that falls from the clouds in the sky

Part E. Challenge Yourself!

Fill in the blanks with the words in the boxes.

quietly

thunder

shouted

worried

flood

1. Jessie and Mark are _____ about the test tomorrow.
2. There was a _____ last week in Jim's town.
3. The angry man _____ loudly.
4. My sister is scared of _____ when there is a storm.
5. The students _____ sat at their desks.

Part F. Let's Learn

Let's learn more about disasters.

Natural Disasters

A natural disaster is an event that is not caused by people and can cause a lot of damage. Let's take a look at the different kinds of natural disasters.



Earthquakes

An earthquake is when the ground shakes. Some earthquakes are small, but the big ones are very powerful and cause damage to buildings and hurt people.



Tsunamis

A tsunami is a large wave of water that is usually caused by an underwater earthquake or volcanic eruption. It can be powerful enough to wash over an entire city!



Avalanches

When a lot of snow and ice suddenly fall down a mountain, it is called an avalanche. People can get trapped in an avalanche.

Part G. Let's Talk

What is a tsunami?

What would you do if there was an earthquake?

Why do you think tsunamis are dangerous?

Do any natural disasters happen in Hong Kong?

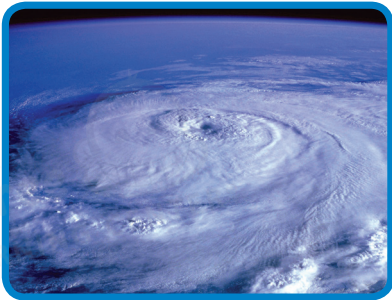
SECTION 2

Part A. Let's Learn

Let's learn about more disasters.

Natural Disasters

There are different kinds of natural disasters, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, and avalanches. Let's take a look at what other kinds of natural disasters happen around the world.



Hurricanes

A hurricane is a storm in which the wind spins in a circle. It is also called a cyclone. The wind is so strong that it can lift cars off the ground and damage buildings.



Blizzards

A blizzard is a big snow storm. It is very cold, with strong winds and lots of snow. Blizzards can cause a lot of damage to houses and can stop people from going out.



Volcanic eruptions

There are many volcanoes around the world. When hot lava erupts from them, people living nearby must move to a safe area.

Part B. Let's Talk

Do these natural disasters happen in Hong Kong?

Why are hurricanes dangerous?

What is a volcanic eruption?

What would you do during a volcanic eruption?

Part C. Let's Check

Refer to the reading, *The Great Flood*. Read the questions and answer using full sentences. Then, draw pictures to show your answers.

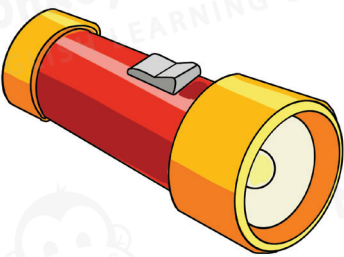
1. What were Jake and his dad doing in the middle of the water?

2. What did Jake fill his backpack with?

Part D. Vocabulary Check

Match each picture to the correct definition.

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2



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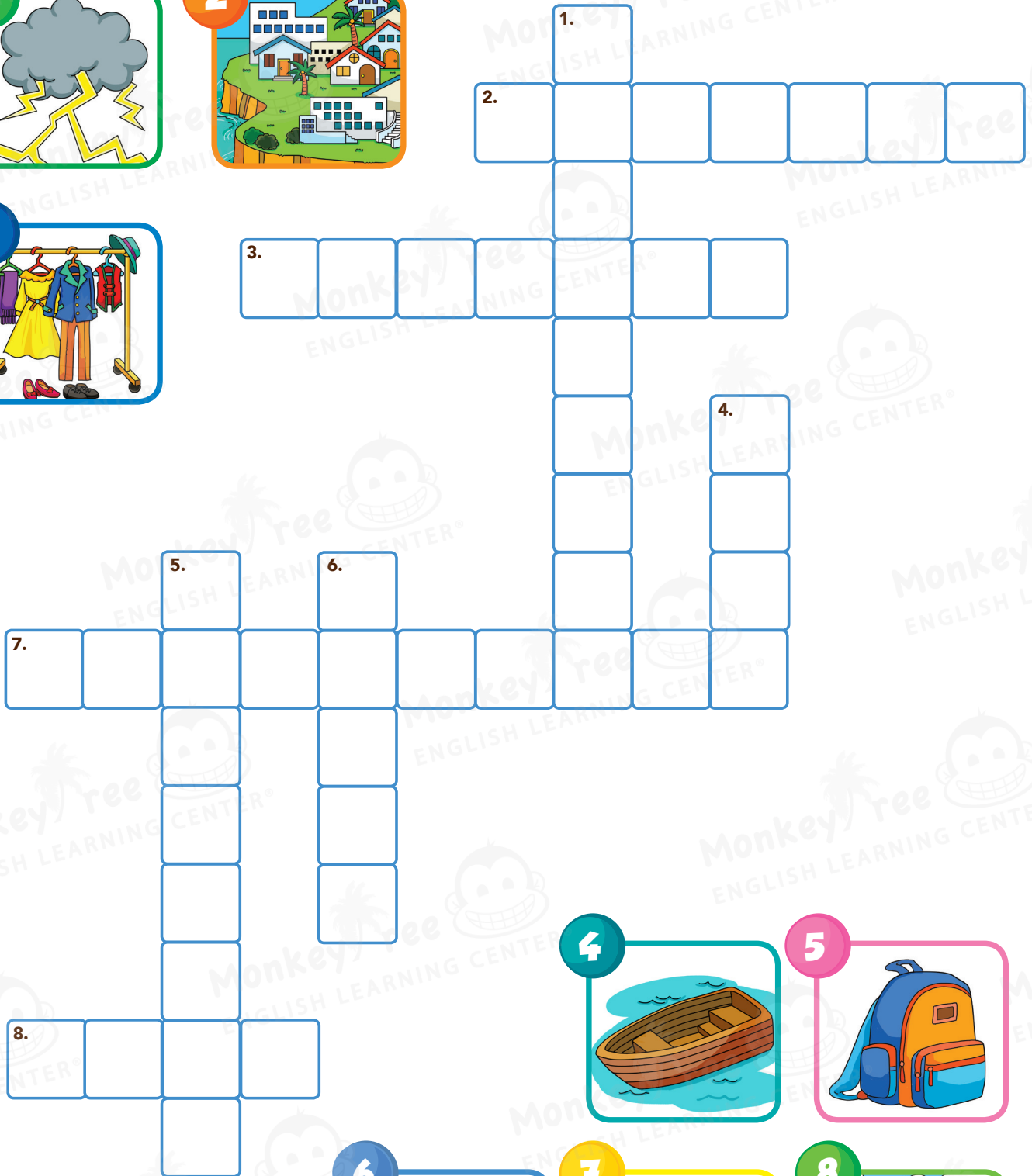
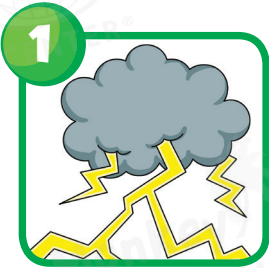
Not happy and thinking about bad things that will happen

A small light that you can carry around with you

The flashes of light seen in the sky during a storm

Part E. Challenge Yourself

Use the picture clues to complete the crossword puzzle.



Part F. Language Focus

Should and Shouldn't

★ We use “**should**” for things that we believe are good to do.

★ We use “**shouldn't**” for things that we believe are not good to do.

Example:



I should be quiet in the library.

You shouldn't shout in class.



★ Structure:

subject + **should** + action

subject + **shouldn't** + action

★ Let's practice the language focus...



Q: What should you do?



Q: What shouldn't she do?



Q: What shouldn't John and Sam do?



Q: What should he do?



Q: What shouldn't Sally do?



Q: What shouldn't we do?

SECTION 3

Part A. Let's Read

Look at the picture and title. What do you think the story is about? Then, read the story.

Hurricane Katrina



Hurricanes are huge and powerful storms that can last for days. The United States of America gets hurricanes every year. One of the worst and most powerful hurricanes to hit the United States was Hurricane Katrina.

Hurricane Katrina started as a storm in the Bahamas on August 23, 2005. Over the next few days, Katrina grew stronger and became a hurricane. It moved towards the United States.

By August 28, Katrina was very dangerous and powerful. People were told to leave their homes. Katrina's strong winds damaged many homes and buildings. Katrina caused floods in many cities. Many people got hurt or lost during the storm.

People could not return home. Some people stayed in another city to wait. Some people moved to another place to live because their homes were gone. It took a lot of money and time to rebuild the cities that Katrina damaged.

Part B. Let's Talk

When did Hurricane Katrina form?

What damage did Hurricane Katrina cause?

What happened to the cities?

Are there hurricanes in Hong Kong?

Part C. Let's Learn the Skill

Cause and Effect

- ★ The **cause** is why something happens.
- ★ The **effect** is the event that happens because of the cause.
- ★ Determining the **cause** and **effect** helps us understand why and how things happen.

Part D. Let's Practice

Read the following paragraph and complete the cause and effect chart below.

Hilda gets a red ball from her grandma. Hilda asks her friend, Sally, to play with her. Hilda throws the ball to Sally, but it goes a bit too high. The ball flies over Sally's head and into a tree. Hilda climbs up the tree to get the ball. The branch of the tree breaks off. Hilda falls onto the ground. Her knee is hurt. Sally helps Hilda up and calls Hilda's mom for help. Hilda cannot play outside. She must rest her leg.

Cause

Hilda throws the ball a bit too high.

Hilda hurts her knee.

Effect

The branch of the tree breaks off.

Part E. Let's Find the Cause and Effect

Refer to the reading, *Hurricane Katrina*. Determine the cause or effect of the following events to complete the chart.

Cause

Effect

Hurricane Katrina's winds were very strong.

Many cities got flooded.

Many homes were damaged.

Part F. Let's Listen

Listen and draw Daniel's evacuation route.



SECTION 4

Part A. Let's Check

Match each description to the natural disaster.

1

A bad storm with strong winds and heavy rain

avalanche

2

A big wave of water that is usually caused by an underwater earthquake

earthquake

3

A big snow storm with strong winds

tsunami

4

A sudden shaking of the ground

hurricane

5

The sudden coming out of lava and gas from a volcano

blizzard

6

A large amount of snow and ice falling from a mountain

volcanic eruption

Part B. Let's Learn

Let's learn these facts about natural disasters.

A History of Natural Disasters

- ★ The Great Blizzard of 1888 was so bad that people were trapped in their homes for a week.
- ★ One of the worst volcanic eruptions was the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. Ash and lava covered the towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum.
- ★ The Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004 hit 11 countries!
- ★ The China flood of 1931 was the worst water disaster to happen in the past century. The flood lasted months!



Part C. Vocabulary Check

Write a word that matches each of the following pictures.



Part D. Multiple Choice Questions

Circle the letter next to the correct answers.

1. What can cause a tsunami?

- a. An underwater earthquake
- b. A blizzard
- c. An avalanche
- d. All of the above

2. What falls in an avalanche?

- a. Snow
- b. Ice
- c. Rain
- d. Both a. and b.

3. Which hurricane hit the United States of America in August, 2005?

- a. Hurricane Andrew
- b. Hurricane Sandy
- c. Hurricane Katrina
- d. Hurricane Katy

4. Which statement best describes a volcanic eruption?

- a. It can cause a blizzard.
- b. It can cause a tsunami.
- c. It is a manmade disaster.
- d. It can cause lava flow.

5. What is a blizzard?

- a. A huge flood.
- b. A huge rainstorm.
- c. A huge snowstorm.
- d. A small typhoon.

6. Which is not a natural disaster?

- a. Factory explosion
- b. Eruption of a volcano
- c. A hurricane
- d. All of the above

7. Which place is flooded?



a.



b.



c.



d.

Part E. Written Response Questions

Answer the following questions in full sentences.

1. What can happen after a heavy rainstorm or hurricane?

2. What damage did Hurricane Katrina do?

3. Why are natural disasters scary?

Part F. Let's Spell

Listen carefully and write the words you hear.

1

4

2

5

3

6

Part G. Let's Present

Which kind of natural disaster do you think is the worst? Draw it and present it to your class!



Tell us...

What kind of natural disaster is this?

What damage can it do?

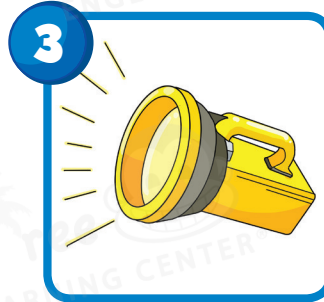
Why is this kind of natural disaster bad?

How can people prepare for it?

Try This at Home!

Part A. Let's Check

Match the pictures to the words.



flashlight

avalanche

city

wind

Part B. Fun Activity

Can you spot all eight differences? Circle them!



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