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VOCABULARY PRACTICE

PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each disaster with its meaning.

1 earthquake	____	a long period with little or no rain
2 flood	____	b disease affecting many people
3 drought	____	c violent tropical storm
4 volcanic eruption	____	d ground suddenly shaking
5 famine	____	e rocks and earth moving down a slope
6 landslide	____	f too much water covering normally dry land
7 epidemic	____	g severe shortage of food
8 hurricane	____	h hot rock and gases coming from a mountain

2 Complete the disaster phrases with words from the box.

broke | **erupted** | **shook** | **spread** | **starving** | **suffering** | **swept** | **trembled**

1 The earthquake _____ the city at dawn.

2 The ground _____ for almost a minute.

3 The volcano _____ during the night.

4 The epidemic _____ rapidly through the region.

5 Many families are _____ because food has run out.

6 The area is _____ from its worst drought in years.

7 A civil war _____ out in the north.

8 A tornado _____ through several villages.

3 Choose the correct word.

1 Two hundred people were *injured* / *damaged*.

2 Many homes were *injured* / *damaged* by the storm.

3 A person who lives through a disaster is a *survivor* / *casualty*.

4 A person forced to leave their country for safety may be a *refugee* / *volcano*.

5 People killed or injured are called *casualties* / *migrants*.

6 People suffering the effects of a tragedy are its *victims* / *eruptions*.

7 A person hurt in a battle may be described as *wounded* / *flooded*.

8 A person moving country, often for work, may be a *migrant* / *survivor*.

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4 Complete the report with words from the box.

casualties | damaged | earthquake | injured | refugees | shelter | survivors | victims

A powerful **1** _____ struck the coastal region yesterday. Roads and buildings were **2** _____, and more than fifty people were **3** _____. Rescue teams are searching for **4** _____. The total number of **5** _____ is not yet known. Schools are providing temporary **6** _____ for families who lost their homes. Aid workers are supporting the **7** _____ of the disaster, while people who crossed the border for safety are being registered as **8** _____.

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

Before the storm

Weather services warned that a hurricane was approaching the island. Local officials opened three shelters and asked people near the coast to leave early. Families carried water, medicines and important documents. The storm damaged roofs and blocked roads, but nobody in the evacuated area was killed. Volunteers checked on older neighbours after the wind became weaker. Early warning did not stop the storm, but it reduced the harm.

1 The hurricane arrived without warning. T / F

2 Three shelters were opened. T / F

3 People near the coast were asked to stay. T / F

4 The storm caused some damage. T / F

5 People died in the evacuated area. T / F

6 Preparation reduced the harm. T / F

6 Match each event with the most useful immediate response.

1 earthquake	____	a protect clean water and follow health advice
2 flood warning	____	b move away from unsafe buildings
3 epidemic	____	c use water carefully and protect supplies
4 drought	____	d move to higher ground if told to evacuate

OVER TO YOU

Write a **70-90 word** emergency information message about one disaster. Explain what is happening, who may be affected and what people should do.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Distinguish people from property. [ ] Give calm, practical advice.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Types of disaster

1 **d** 2 **f** 3 **a** 4 **h** 5 **g** 6 **e** 7 **b** 8 **c**

2 Disaster phrases

1 **shook** 2 **trembled** 3 **erupted** 4 **spread** 5 **starving** 6 **suffering** 7 **broke** 8 **swept**

3 People and property

1 **injured** 2 **damaged** 3 **survivor** 4 **refugee** 5 **casualties** 6 **victims** 7 **wounded** 8 **migrant**

4 Earthquake report

1 **earthquake** 2 **damaged** 3 **injured** 4 **survivors** 5 **casualties** 6 **shelter** 7 **victims** 8 **refugees**

5 Reading

1 **F** - Weather services gave a warning.
2 **T**
3 **F** - They were asked to leave early.
4 **T**
5 **F** - Nobody there was killed.
6 **T**

6 Immediate responses

1 **b** 2 **d** 3 **a** 4 **c**

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check vocabulary, accurate distinctions and clear advice.