

1 Match the words to the definitions.

earthquake	flood	lightning
snowstorm	tornado	

- a storm when a lot of snow falls: snowstorm
- when the ground moves and creates a lot of damage: _____
- a situation when a lot of water covers an area: _____
- a very strong wind that can destroy buildings: _____
- a flash in the sky: _____

2 Choose the correct options.

- During the earthquake, the ground shook / fell and there was a loud noise.
- Heavy rain poured / rose down for two days.
- Because of the rain, the water levels in the river rose / poured.
- Water flowed / fell into the streets, and the flood damaged lots of houses.
- Winds of 100 kilometres an hour poured / blew during the tornado.
- A lot of trees blew / fell because of the tornado, and they hit many cars.

3 Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 The sun came | <u>C</u> |
| 2 The factory burned | ----- |
| 3 It took three hours to put | ----- |
| 4 The tornado blew | ----- |
| 5 I hope this bad weather clears | ----- |
| 6 Some trees blew | ----- |

- A down in the fire.
 B away some cars.
 C out and the rain stopped.
 D up soon.
 E down because of strong winds.
 F out the fire.

4 Put the words in order to make sentences.

- forget / to / Don't / the fire / put out / .
Don't forget to put out the fire.
- hotel / burned down / The / in a fire.

- The / cleared up / after an hour / rain / .

- sun / come out / soon / The / will / .

- Many / fell down / in the earthquake / buildings / .

- All / blew away / my papers / in the wind / .

5 Choose the best options.

About 400 years ago, there was an earthquake near my home. It happened at sea. People could feel the ground ¹ _____ in towns 100 kilometres away. The sea water ² _____ very quickly, and there was a terrible ³ _____. At the same time, there was a lot of heavy rain. The water ⁴ _____ into farms, villages and people's homes. A lot of people and animals ⁵ _____ that day. Trees and houses ⁶ _____. After the water went away, people tried to ⁷ _____ the damage, but they didn't forget what had happened. They built a big wall, and now the sea can't ⁸ _____ onto the land ⁹ _____.

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| 1 A blow | B <u>shake</u> |
| 2 A rose | B came |
| 3 A flood | B lightning |
| 4 A put | B flowed |
| 5 A disappeared | B disagreed |
| 6 A fell off | B fell down |
| 7 A clear up | B put out |
| 8 A pour | B fall |
| 9 A any better | B any more |