

Key Facts

- To understand that a natural disaster is an event caused by nature.
- To know examples of different types of natural disaster and what will have caused them.
- To know that these events can cause great harm to many people and communities in the locations where they occur.
- To be aware that some natural disasters are predictable, for example, earthquakes on fault lines, and that there are also natural disasters that are unpredictable, for example, flooding.
- To be able to locate some key areas on the globe/atlas map where some natural disasters have occurred over time and where they may happen again.
- To identify features on an aerial photograph.



Geography

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Natural Disasters

Vocabulary

Word	Definition
drought	Whenever there is a shortage of rain over a long period of time, there is drought.
earthquakes	Earthquakes occur when two large pieces of the Earth's crust suddenly slip. This causes shock waves to make the surface of the Earth shake.
flood	A flood happens when water covers land that is usually dry.
hurricanes/ cyclones/ typhoons	Hurricanes, cyclones and typhoons are all types of tropical storms and are given different names depending on where they appear.
tectonic plates	Pieces of the rocky outer layer of the Earth known as the crust.
tornado	A violent rotating column of air extending from a thunderstorm to the ground.
tsunami	A large ocean wave usually caused by an underwater earthquake or a volcanic explosion.
volcanic eruption	A volcano is a landform (usually a mountain) where molten rock erupts through the surface of the planet.

Over 90% of deaths caused by natural disasters occur in the world's poorest countries.

