

# Natural Disasters: Earthquakes and Tsunamis

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## Activity 1

With your partner explain what you understand by the following words.

- a) catastrophe disaster crisis tragedy emergency
- b) missing victim casualty injured survivor rescuer

## Activity 2

Match the words on the left with their partners on the right to form useful 'disaster' collocations.

Aid	aid
Distribute	off
Relief	supplies
Washed/swept	workers
Cut	regions
Affected	effort
Stricken	away
Medical	areas

## Activity 3

Use the collocations from Activity 2 to complete the extract from a newspaper article below.

"In some cases whole towns have been (1) ..... by the waves. In some of the (2) ..... entire communities are still totally (3) ..... because the surrounding infrastructure has been destroyed by either the tsunami, the earthquake or both. International charity organisations and (4)..... are finding it hard to (5)..... including vital (6)..... to the (7)....., partly due to the size of the (8)..... and partly due to the scale of the destruction."

## Activity 4

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Why do many earthquakes go unrecorded?
2. Where did the strongest earthquake ever recorded occur?
3. What caused the tsunami on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1883?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

## Activity 5

**Should tourists be going ahead with holidays at the moment in the countries which are still suffering the effects of the recent tsunami?**

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