

Natural Disasters Quiz

Geography · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. What is a sudden shaking of the Earth's surface called?

- A) Earthquake**
- B) Volcano
- C) Hurricane
- D) Tornado

2. Which natural disaster is a rotating, organized system of clouds and thunderstorms that originates over tropical or subtropical waters?

- A) Hurricane**
- B) Blizzard
- C) Tsunami
- D) Landslide

3. What is a long period of abnormally low rainfall called?

- A) Drought**
- B) Flood
- C) Heatwave
- D) Snowstorm

4. A large ocean wave usually caused by an underwater earthquake or volcanic eruption is known as a what?

- A) Tsunami**
- B) Tornado
- C) Avalanche
- D) Mudslide

5. Which of these is a type of severe snowstorm?

- A) Blizzard**
- B) Heatwave
- C) Typhoon
- D) Monsoon

6. What is the term for a rapid flow of snow down a sloping surface?

- A) Avalanche**
- B) Flood
- C) Wildfire
- D) Sinkhole

7. A widespread overflowing of water onto land that is normally dry is called a what?

A) Flood

B) Earthquake

C) Volcanic Eruption

D) Sinkhole

8. What kind of natural disaster involves a rupture in the Earth's crust?

A) Earthquake

B) Hurricane

C) Flood

D) Tornado