

Natural Disasters Quiz

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1. What is the name of the scale used to measure the intensity of earthquakes?

- A) Richter scale**
- B) Celsius scale
- C) Beaufort scale
- D) Kelvin scale

2. Which natural disaster is defined as a long period of dry weather with very little or no rain?

- A) Blizzard
- B) Drought**
- C) Landslide
- D) Tornado

3. What do you call a giant ocean wave that is usually triggered by an underwater earthquake or volcanic eruption?

- A) Rip current
- B) Tide
- C) Tsunami**
- D) Surge

4. Magma that breaks through the Earth's surface during a volcanic eruption is called what?

- A) Lava**
- B) Ash
- C) Steam
- D) Core

5. Which part of a hurricane is known as the calmest area at the very center of the storm?

- A) The wall
- B) The vortex
- C) The eye**
- D) The tail

6. What is the term for a violent, rotating column of air that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground?

- A) Hurricane
- B) Cyclone
- C) Tornado**
- D) Monsoon

7. A blizzard is a severe snowstorm characterized by which specific condition?

- A) Strong winds**
- B) High humidity
- C) Rising temperatures
- D) Heavy hail

8. Where do most earthquakes occur on Earth?

- A) Along plate boundaries**
- B) In the center of deserts
- C) Above the Arctic Circle
- D) In the middle of calm lakes

9. What type of natural disaster involves the rapid movement of rock, soil, and vegetation down a slope?

- A) Flash flood
- B) Landslide**
- C) Sandstorm
- D) Wildfire

10. Wildfires need three ingredients to start and spread: fuel, oxygen, and what else?

- A) Ice
- B) Heat**
- C) Soil
- D) Nitrogen