# Natural Disasters Quiz

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**1. Which scale is used to measure the intensity and magnitude of earthquakes?**

A) Richter scale
B) Beaufort scale
C) Celsius scale
D) Saffir-Simpson scale

**2. What is the name of the opening in the Earth's crust through which lava, ash, and gases escape?**

A) Canyon
B) Vent
C) Plateau
D) Delta

**3. Which type of tropical cyclone is characterized by strong winds and heavy rain, and is known as a typhoon in the Northwest Pacific?**

A) Blizzard
B) Drought
C) Hurricane
D) Landslide

**4. What is a long period of abnormally low rainfall in a particular area called?**

A) Flood
B) Tsunami
C) Drought
D) Avalanche

**5. A tsunami is most commonly caused by which of the following events occurring under the ocean?**

A) Strong winds
B) Earthquake
C) High tide
D) Heavy rain

**6. What is the term for a rapidly rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the Earth and a cumulonimbus cloud?**

A) Tornado
B) Dust devil
C) Cyclone
D) Monsoon

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**7. Which natural disaster occurs when large masses of earth, rock, or debris move down a slope?**

A) Wildfire
B) Earthquake
C) Landslide
D) Tsunami

**8. What is the primary cause of most wildfires in natural forest environments?**

A) Lightning strikes
B) Volcanic eruptions
C) Ocean currents
D) Global warming

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