

Natural disasters
IELTS Graduation Unit 5

What news stories have you been following recently? Compare ideas with your partner to see which things you know that your partner doesn't.

Do the same with natural disaster news stories, e.g. the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

What vocabulary would you expect in articles about the following natural disasters?

Storm (Hurricane/ cyclone/ typhoon etc.)

Flooding

Landslide

Avalanche

Drought

Volcanic eruption

Earthquake

Tidal wave (= tsunami)

Look for articles on each type of disaster on the internet and add language that is specific to that type of natural disaster to the spaces above.

Look at the text on page 73 and see if you can add any more words to the hurricanes section.