

Key information: A natural disaster is an event caused by nature, such as: floods, volcanic eruptions, tropical storms, tornados, landslides, wildfires and many more. These events cause lots of damage to the communities and locations where they occur. This damage is often to people's homes, and therefore they cost countries lots of money to rebuild and repair after an event. Often, a natural disaster will result in people dying.

NATURAL DISASTERS

Key Vocabulary:

Hurricane - strong rotating winds that form over warm water.

Tornado - strong rotating winds that form over land.

Earthquake - a violent shaking of the earth

Volcano - a mountain that erupts lava

Tsunami - a large, powerful wave

Tectonic Plates - layers of earth which move and make up the earth's surface



Deadliest natural disasters in the last 100 years		
Disaster	Year	Death Toll
China floods	1931	1-4 million
Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami	2004	280,000
Haiquan earthquake (China)	1920	273,400
Bhola cyclone (Bangladesh)	1970	250,000-500,000
Tangshan earthquake (China)	1976	242,000-655,000
Typhoon Nina (China)	1975	229,000
Haiti earthquake	2010	160,000
Yangtze River Flood (China)	1935	145,000

