Natural Disasters in Australia worksheet – World Book Kids

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Find It! Read the article 'Natural Disasters in Australia' in World Book Kids and answer the questions.

1. Natural disasters

a. Circle three natural disasters that happen in Australia.

Floods Earthquakes Snowmen Bushfires Droughts

b. What is a drought?

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2. True or false?

Write **T** for true or **F** for false.

a. Cyclones are powerful windstorms. _____

b. The Newcastle earthquake happened in 1989. _____

c. Human actions can sometimes make bushfires worse. _____

3. Cyclones and floods

a. Which Australian state was hit by the cyclones described in the article?

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b. What happened to the town of Clermont after the floods?

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c. Why was Clermont rebuilt on higher ground?

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4. Think about the past

a. What happened to Gundagai in 1852?

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b. Who warned settlers about the risk of flooding near Gundagai?

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5. Keeping people safe

a. Name one thing people can do to stay safe during a flood or bushfire.

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b. Why is it important to listen to warnings about natural disasters?

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6. Draw and label

Draw a natural disaster that can happen in Australia. Label your picture.

Well done! Learning about natural disasters can help keep people safe.

KIDS: Natural Disasters in Australia worksheet Answers:

1. Natural disasters

a. Floods, earthquakes, bushfires and droughts. Students should circle any three.

b. A drought is a long period without rain.

2. True or false?

a. **T** — Cyclones are powerful windstorms.

b. **T** — The Newcastle earthquake happened in 1989.

c. **T** — Human actions can sometimes make bushfires worse.

3. Cyclones and floods

a. Queensland.

b. Floodwaters covered parts of Clermont and killed more than 60 people.

c. To reduce the risk of future flooding.

4. Think about the past

a. A severe flood swept through Gundagai, destroying the town and killing at least 80 people.

b. Local First Nations peoples warned the settlers about the risk of flooding.

5. Keeping people safe

a. Possible answers include:

- Follow emergency warnings and instructions.
- Move to a safe place when told to evacuate.
- Stay away from floodwater.
- Follow a bushfire safety plan.

b. Warnings help people prepare, get to safety and protect their lives.

6. Draw and label

Answers will vary. Students may draw a flood, bushfire, cyclone or earthquake. Check that the picture is recognisable and appropriately labelled.