DoodleBeez Worksheets

Grades 3 to 5 | Science

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Natural Hazards: Learn and Practice

Floods, fires and storms: how we stay safe

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Natural Hazards

- A natural hazard is a dangerous event caused by nature, like a flood, wildfire, earthquake or blizzard.
- We cannot stop most hazards, but we can plan to stay safe.
- Good designs, like flood walls and lightning rods, reduce the damage.
- earthquake: drop, cover and hold on

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A. To keep flood water out B. To block the wind
C. To catch fish D. To make shade

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C. Water, food and a flashlight D. A pet goldfish

3 ⛈️ You hear thunder outside. Where is the safest place to go?

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C. On top of a hill D. Into a lake

4 🎒 What should every family have ready for emergencies?

A. An emergency kit B. A party hat
C. A new toy D. A video game

5 🌊 Which of these is a natural hazard?

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D. A rainbow

6 ⚡ What is a lightning rod for?

A. Carrying lightning safely to the ground
B. Lighting a room C. Catching rain
D. Making lightning

7 ❄️ A big winter storm with strong wind and blowing snow is a...

A. Rainbow B. Heat wave C. Drought
D. Blizzard

8 You are indoors when an earthquake starts. What should you do?

A. Drop, cover and hold on B. Stand by a window
C. Run outside fast D. Use the elevator

✏️ Explain it! Write two facts you learned about natural hazards.

ANSWER KEY

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Dikes hold back high river water so it does not flood homes and farms.

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Water, food and a flashlight help you stay safe if power goes out or you must stay home.

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When thunder roars, go indoors. Tall trees, water and hilltops are risky in lightning.

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An emergency kit has supplies like water and food to help your family get through a hazard.

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A flood is a dangerous natural event. The others are safe and pleasant.

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A lightning rod gives lightning a safe path into the ground, which protects the building.

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A blizzard has strong winds and blowing snow that make it hard to see. Stay inside!

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Drop to the floor, take cover under a sturdy table and hold on. That protects you from falling things.