



## Natural Disaster Quiz Questions

1. Flashfloods are floods that happen \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Very quickly
- B. Only in comic books
- C. When lightning hits the floodwater
- D. Over thousands of years

(Source: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/floods.htm>)

2. Which of the following is **NOT** considered a natural disaster?

- A. Volcano
- B. Earthquake
- C. Hurricane
- D. All of the above are natural disasters

(Source: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/dizarea.htm>)

3. Name an item that your family should have in their disaster supply kit in case of an emergency.

- A. Tap shoes
- B. Bottled water
- C. TV
- D. All of the Above

(<http://www.fema.gov/kids/dizarea.htm>)

4. A Volcano is classified as dormant, extinct or \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Active
- B. Friendly
- C. Angry
- D. None of the above

(Source: <http://www.projectshum.org/NaturalDisasters/volcano.html>)

5. If you were skiing in Chamonix and you sneezed, what could you possibly cause?

- A. An avalanche
- B. A mudslide
- C. A tidal wave
- D. None of the above

(Source: <http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/natural-disasters/avalanche-profile.html>)



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6. Is it possible for lightning to strike the same place twice?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Only if it happens to two different people
- D. Only if the lightning strikes on a leap year

(Source: <http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/natural-disasters/lightning-profile.html>)

7. Which natural disaster is the most common in the United States and Australia?

- A. Tsunami
- B. Flooding
- C. Tornado
- D. None of the above

(Source: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/floods.htm>)

8. Name the natural disaster that is considered the most violent?

- A. Flood
- B. Rainbow
- C. Volcano
- D. Tornado

(<http://www.fema.gov/kids/tornado.htm>)

9. Tornadoes come in all sizes but usually come in the shape of a \_\_\_\_\_.

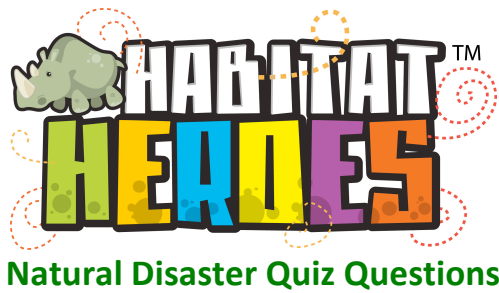
- A. Hexagon
- B. Funnel
- C. Heart
- D. Diamond

(Source: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/tornado.htm>)

10. Which of the following should **NOT** be included in your flood kit?

- A. A torch (flashlight) with spare batteries
- B. A wind-up or battery radio
- C. Bottle water and non-perishable foods
- D. All of the above should be included in your kit

(Source: <http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/pdf/FLHO1007BNET-e-e.pdf>)



11. A tornado originates from a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Wildfire
- B. Thunderstorm
- C. Sun shower
- D. All of the above

(Source: <http://www.projectshum.org/NaturalDisasters/tornado.html>)

12. Hurricanes rotate around a/an \_\_\_\_\_, which is also something humans have.

- A. Eye
- B. Nose
- C. Mouth
- D. None of the above

(<http://www.fema.gov/kids/hurr.htm>)

13. Which natural disaster **CANNOT** be predicted?

- A. Earthquake
- B. Blizzard
- C. Typhoon
- D. None of the above

(Source: [http://geology.about.com/od/eq\\_prediction/a/aa\\_EQprediction.htm](http://geology.about.com/od/eq_prediction/a/aa_EQprediction.htm))

14. Who are "Hurricane Hunters"?

- A. Hurricanes that hunt for other natural disasters to team up with
- B. People who fight off hurricanes with long swords
- C. People who measure temperature, wind speed and direction inside a hurricane
- D. There is no such thing as a "Hurricane Hunter."

(<http://www.weatherwizkids.com/hurricane1.htm>)

15. What is the difference between hurricanes and typhoons?

- A. Geography
- B. Color
- C. Shape
- D. None of the above

(Source: <http://www.weatherwizkids.com/hurricane1.htm>)



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16. Hurricanes are classified with the Saffir-Simpson Scale in how many categories?

- A. 3
- B. 10
- C. 5
- D. Hurricanes aren't put into categories

(<http://www.hurricaneville.com/faq.html>)

17. What are the heavy snows and strong winds that produce a blinding snow?

- A. The Saffir-Simpson Scale
- B. Blizzards
- C. Sunny skies
- D. The outer bands

(Source: <http://www.ussartf.org/blizzards.htm>)

18. If you are indoors during an earthquake, stay away from \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Glass
- B. Windows
- C. Anything that can fall (like a cabinet or a bookcase)
- D. All of the above

(Source: [http://www.fema.gov/kids/knw\\_eq.htm](http://www.fema.gov/kids/knw_eq.htm))

19. Which natural disaster can create the fastest winds on Earth? (The fastest wind speed ever recorded was 318 mph (509 km/h) and struck Oklahoma City!)

- A. Snow Storms
- B. Tornadoes
- C. Wildfires
- D. None of the above

(Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/342507.stm>)

20. Which state in North America is at the greatest risk of a tsunami?

- A. Ohio
- B. Colorado
- C. Arizona
- D. Hawaii

(<http://www.fema.gov/kids/tsunami.htm>)



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21. Heavy rains, rivers overflowing, and levees/dams breaking can all cause which disaster?

- A. Earthquakes
- B. Tornadoes
- C. Floods
- D. None of the above

(Source: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/floods.htm>)

22. Name the severe storms that form in the **Western Pacific Ocean**.

- A. Tornadoes
- B. Cyclones
- C. Typhoons
- D. None of the above

(Source: <http://www.weatherwizkids.com/hurricane1.htm>)

23. Hurricanes rotate in which direction?

- A. Counter-clockwise
- B. Vertical
- C. Clockwise
- D. Hurricanes don't rotate

(Source: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/hurr.htm>)

24. The strongest earthquake ever recorded measured a 9.5 on the Richter scale and took place in which country?

- A. Albania
- B. Ukraine
- C. Chile
- D. Monaco

(Source: <http://www.gearthhacks.com/dlfile15663/Worlds-Strongest-Earthquake.htm>)

25. One of the world's worst-ever volcanic eruptions took place 74,000 years ago on an island in which Asian country?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Iran
- C. Japan
- D. None of the above

(Source: [http://www.esa.int/esaKIDSen/SEM41LVT0PE\\_Earth\\_0.html](http://www.esa.int/esaKIDSen/SEM41LVT0PE_Earth_0.html))



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26. What should you do if you are stuck out doors during a tornado?

- A. Lie flat in a ditch or ravine
- B. Lie face down and cover your head with your hands
- C. Both A and B
- D. None of the above

(Source: [http://www.fema.gov/kids/knw\\_tor.htm](http://www.fema.gov/kids/knw_tor.htm))

27. Undersea earthquakes can cause a \_\_\_\_\_, like the one in Ao Nang, Thailand, by the 2004 Indian Ocean Earthquake – the second largest ever recorded!

- A. Epidemic
- B. Wildfire
- C. Tsunami
- D. None of the above

28. Which hurricane was one of the five deadliest and holds the record for being the most destructive storm in terms of economic losses in the history of the United States?

- A. Katrina
- B. Andrew
- C. Alexandria
- D. None of the above

(Source: <http://www.katrina.noaa.gov/>)

29. The intensity of an earthquake can be measured using the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Richter scale
- B. Guttman scale
- C. Bathroom scale
- D. None of the above

(source: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/quake.htm>)

30. Both lightning and droughts can cause which of the following disasters?

- A. Hurricanes
- B. Wildfires
- C. Avalanches
- D. All of the above



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31. Most \_\_\_\_\_ happen within the Pacific Ocean's "Ring of Fire."

- A. Tornadoes
- B. Avalanches
- C. Tsunamis
- D. None of the above

(Source: <http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/natural-disasters/tsunami-profile.html>)

32. "Tornado Alley" is a region of land known for the most powerful and destructive tornadoes and is located in what country?

- A. Jordan
- B. New Zealand
- C. Rwanda
- D. The United States

(Source: <http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/natural-disasters/tornado-profile.html>)

33. If there is a hurricane and your home does not have storm shutters to protect the windows, what should you do?

- A. Board up windows with marine plywood
- B. Tape up windows with scotch tape
- C. Open windows halfway
- D. None of the above

([http://www.fema.gov/kids/knw\\_hur.htm](http://www.fema.gov/kids/knw_hur.htm))

Answers: 1A, 2D, 3B, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7B, 8D, 9B, 10D, 11B, 12A, 13A, 14C, 15A, 16C, 17B, 18D, 19B, 20D, 21C, 22A, 23C, 24A, 25C, 26C, 27A, 28A, 29CB, 30C, 31D, 32A