

Geography Knowledge Organiser

Year 8: Natural Hazards

Key Word	Definition
Cause	The reason something happens.
Effect / Impact	The result or consequence of something happening.
Volcano	An opening in the Earth's crust through which molten lava, ash and gases are ejected.
Earthquake	An earthquake is the shaking and vibration of the Earth's crust due to movement of the Earth's plates.
Richter Scale	A way of measuring earthquakes based on the amount of energy they give out.
Mercalli Scale	A way of measuring earthquakes based on the damage they cause.
Tsunami	A tsunami is a series of waves caused by earthquakes or undersea volcanic eruptions
Hurricane / Tropical Storm	An extreme form of weather that brings heavy rainfall, strong winds, storm surges and other related hazards e.g. mudslides and floods.
Tornado	A violent destructive whirling wind accompanied by a funnel-shaped cloud that occurs over land.

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/z3sg87h/revision>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zvnbkqt/revision>

