

TOP NOTCH

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Unit 5

Natural Disasters

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Preview

The Disaster Report website offers a map of natural disasters for the current year, with basic information and links to relevant news articles. Students can click on the most recent disasters and share what they know about them.

<http://www.disaster-report.com/>

Lesson 1

Students can read the Natural Disaster Preparedness tips and then report to each other what the tips are using indirect speech.

<http://www.realsimple.com/work-life/technology/safety-family/emergency-plan-checklist>

http://humansciences.okstate.edu/hdfs/documents/DS_Preparedness.pdf

Lesson 2

Searching the words “natural disaster in the news” on the Google Images search engine results in a variety of newspaper headlines for natural disasters. In pairs, have students report the news headlines to each other using reported speech.

https://www.google.com/search?q=natural+disaster+newspaper+headlines&espv=2&biw=1366&bih=635&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=vjj_VKeWK-WIsQTe54KoCA&ved=0CB0QsAQ#tbm=isch&q=natural+disaster+in+the+news

Lesson 3

The following websites offer basic facts about historic natural disasters as well as photos and videos. Students can choose a disaster and create a fact sheet using the notepad in the lesson. Students can then describe the disaster to a partner, using their own words.

<http://list25.com/25-worst-natural-disasters-recorded/>

<http://www.disasterium.com/10-worst-natural-disasters-of-all-time/>

<http://www.watchmojo.com/video/id/10753/>

The Fact Monster and National Geographic websites have disasters quiz. Students can take the quiz to test their knowledge of natural disasters.

<http://www.factmonster.com/quizzes/disaster1/1.html>

<http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/natural-disasters/quiz-natural-disasters/>

Lesson 4

The Red Cross and the U.S. Center for Disease Control websites contain emergency preparedness tips for various natural disasters. In pairs, students can choose an emergency topic and then report to the class on how to prepare.

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/index.asp>

<http://www.redcross.org> (scroll down and click on the “Plan & Prepare” tab at the bottom of the webpage)