

# Lesson 52

## It destroyed the city.

**Target:** Having a conversation about disasters.

### Vocabulary

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### Disasters



### Related vocabulary

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| - a <b>natural disaster</b>  | - to <b>hide</b>      | - to be <b>prepared for...</b> |
| - to be <b>manmade</b>       | - to <b>flee</b>      | - a <b>charity</b>             |
| - to <b>collapse</b>         | - a <b>victim</b>     | - <b>the epicenter</b>         |
| - to <b>sway</b>             | - to <b>rescue...</b> | - <b>the eye of a storm</b>    |
| - to <b>destroy...</b>       | - a <b>go-bag</b>     | - to be <b>prone to...</b>     |
| - to <b>sweep through...</b> | - a <b>survivor</b>   | - a <b>shelter</b>             |
| - to <b>strike...</b>        | - to <b>survive</b>   | - an <b>evacuation drill</b>   |

### Conversation

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**1** Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

#### Partner #1: Questions

1. What are some different kinds of natural disasters? e.g. tornado, flood, hurricane etc.
2. What are some different verbs associated with each kind of disaster? e.g. a flood = sweep away...
3. Do you think that natural disasters are occurring more frequently now?
4. Have you ever experienced a natural disaster?
5. What natural disasters are different locations prone to?
6. How are businesses affected by disasters?
7. What would happen if a large asteroid hit the Earth?
8. Do you think the government does enough to prepare for disasters? Whose responsibility do you think it should be: the government's or each individual person's?
9. Do you think it's important to keep your cool when there is a disaster?

#### Partner #2: Questions

1. What natural disasters occur in your country?
2. What are some man-made disasters?
3. Do you think man-made disasters are worse than natural disasters?
4. What recent natural disasters do you remember?
5. What can you do to prepare for a disaster? Do you have a go-bag?
6. What should you do in the event of different disasters?
7. Have you ever donated money to charity to help with disaster relief?
8. What different disaster movies have you seen?
9. Are there any emergency shelters in your town?
10. What do you think are worse, earthquakes or hurricanes / typhoons?

**2** Complete one or more of the situations below

1. **Discussion:** Discuss what you can do to prepare for different disasters. Think of different things you would need to buy, learn how to do, and find out about.
2. **Interview:** Interview someone who survived a natural disaster.
3. **Speech:** Describe a movie you have seen that was about a disaster.
4. **Debate:** You think doing evacuation drills in school is a waste of time, but your partner disagrees.