

DISASTERS*

WARS

concentration camp, civilians, heavy toll of human lives
to be tortured
cripples / victims

OIL SPILLS

oil tanker
fire on the oil rig
tankers crash

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

injured , casualties
speeding, drunk driving, tiredness
not following traffic rules, weather, bumpy roads
head-on/side-on/back-on collision
running onto pedestrians/ into a tree
wear a seat belt

AIR CRASHES

engine failure
bad weather conditions

GAS POISONING

carbon monoxide
breathing disorder, brain damage, sleeplessness

BLIZZARDS

atmospheric phenomenon, snowdrifts
to rage
paralysed communication

HAILSTORMS

to occur
diameter

STRONG WINDS:

1. TORNADOES

Sand/water whirlwind/ twister – to suck water/sand, spiraling winds

2. CYCLONES - the eye of the cyclone

HURRICANE , TYPHOON – regional names

torrential rain

anticlockwise (on the north hemisphere) – clockwise (on the south hemisphere)

Equator

AVALANCHES

to slide down
to be taken by an avalanche, steep slope
rock/mud/dust/wet snow/dry snow avalanche

VOLCANO ERUPTION

lava, fumes, gases, ashes, mud flows, dust

DROUGHTS

permanent drought (irrigation) vs. seasonal/ unpredictable drought
to affect

to starve/ famine

FLOODS

to overflow
spring ice, ice jam, tides

EARTHQUAKES

vibration , to uproot trees
Earth's crust, Richter's scale (up to 10)

TSUNAMI

waves

WILDFIRES/FIRE

to spread uphill/downhill
to ignite/to set fire/arsonist
forest floor/crops
wildland

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