#### **C**ambridge

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# Disaster

Pompeii was a city of 20,000 people in the south of Italy 2,000 years ago. It was a very modern city. Lots of the houses had running water. There was a busy marketplace, a theatre and there were lots of shops. The shopkeepers sold things that came on big ships from different countries around the world. The city was full of beautiful works of art.



## Read, listen and complete the sentences.

- The gate takes the children into the
- Phoebe likes the gardens with the \_\_\_\_\_ 2 and the
- There are no cars, only and 3
- The mountain is not a mountain. It's a
- Choose a word. Mime it for your partner to guess. ( Look! Can you guess the word? )

I'm not sure ... Is it ...?

**Around Pompeii** 





Read the newspaper text and write the names under the pictures. Be careful, there is one extra picture.

## Earthquake shakes London

At 5.37 p.m. yesterday many Londoners suddenly felt the earth shake. We talked to some of them this morning to hear their stories.

'My sons and I were playing football,' said Ken Harmer from Wimbledon. 'We didn't feel much and we weren't worried.' 'I was in the living room,' said his wife, Claire. 'I was reading – it was strange!' Their neighbour Caroline was sleeping when it happened. 'It was terrible. I was so scared!' she said. Another man, Mr Singh told us, 'When I felt the earthquake, I was standing on the balcony of our flat. It's on the 27th floor. 'I didn't know what to do so I sat down!'

















Listen and say the sentences.

When the earthquake happened:

- ... Mr Harmer and his sons were playing football.
- ... his wife was reading in the living room.
- ... their neighbour was sleeping.







Past continuous revision



#### Listen and correct the mistakes. Then sing the song.

> Danger. Danger. Danger, everywhere! Life is full of danger, You'd better take care!

I was walking in the city, (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_ When the day turned really grey. I looked up at the clouds and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ And I knew I couldn't stay. There was rain in the clouds, (7)

There was smoke and thunder too. I was feeling pretty happy when the ... <sup>(8)</sup>. Volcano blew.

### All about music: Punk Rock

The first punk bands came from the USA and UK in the mid 1970s. Bands like The Ramones and The Clash wanted to change music forever. Their songs were fast, short and often very angry. Punk was about fashion too – scruffy torn clothes, amazing hair styles and lots of safety pins.



It's great. It's OK. I don't really like it.



# Listen and say the dialogue.



Gran Your haircut is cute, Stan!

**Stan** I like your cap and cape, Gran!



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Phonics focus: final e

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Read Christopher's email to his friend. Some of the words were accidentally deleted. Look at the pictures and correct the email.





Grammar focus

Listen and say the sentences.

While mum was working in the garden, the dog was eating her socks.

While Christopher was reading, his brother was fixing the alarm clock.



Play the *wishidishing* game with a partner. Say a sentence. Your partner has to guess.



Two simultaneous actions with while



Go through the text quickly and find answers to the questions.

a Where are the kids?

What year is it?



Read and listen to the story to check your answers.

# A narrow escape

Phoebe started running down the stone stairs. 'Hey, wait!' Alex shouted. 'Where are you going?' 'Come quickly. Follow me!' Phoebe shouted. 'Why?' Alex and Patrick didn't understand what was happening. Phoebe was running through the city in the direction of the hills. Alex and Patrick followed her. They ran past the houses and the beautiful temples with their statues and columns, but Alex and Patrick didn't have time to look at any of that. They followed Phoebe up a hill outside the city.

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When Phoebe reached the top of the hill, she sat down, and the boys sat down next to her.



'I don't understand!' said
Patrick. 'What are we
doing here?' Phoebe waited
for her breathing to slow
down. Then she began to
speak. She looked worried.
'This city is Pompeii.
We learned about it in
History. That volcano
over there is going to
erupt, and we're in
danger!' 'But how do you
know it's going to erupt
now?' asked Alex.

Suddenly there was a loud noise like thunder. The three friends looked up at the volcano. They were scared by what they saw. There was a lot of dark, grey smoke. 'I was right,' said Phoebe. 'We have to go and tell the people who live in Pompeii.' 'But are you certain it's going to erupt?' asked Alex. 'Look!' said Phoebe, 'animals often run away from natural disasters. We learned that at school. Now come on! The people are in danger.'

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Reading for pleasure

Back in the city the children tried to tell everyone about the volcano but the people didn't understand what they were saying and so they were not worried. Suddenly there was another loud explosion.

'Look!' shouted Phoebe. 'It's too late! It's erupting.' Everybody was very scared. The sky became really dark and smoke filled the air. Stones flew from the volcano and landed in the city. People started

to run away shouting for help. The children didn't know what to do. Suddenly Alex saw a yellow

at to do. Suddenly Alex saw a yellow light through the smoke. 'What's that? Look!' Phoebe and Patrick saw it too.

'I know what that is. It's the gate that brought us here!' Phoebe shouted.

'Let's go through it.' 'The gate?'
Patrick didn't understand. 'Yes,'
said Phoebe. 'Remember the lab?
The yellow glow – the gate to
the past. Maybe it'll take us back
to our time? Let's run or we'll all
die! It's our only chance!' The
children ran as fast as they

could to the light and jumped. They were gone in a flash!



On August 29<sup>th</sup> in 79 AD, Vesuvius erupted and destroyed the city of Pompeii. The volcano threw smoke and stones more than 30 kilometres high into the air. Within minutes, the stones, lava and ashes covered the whole city. Almost 20,000 people died.

	Put the sentences in the correct order.	
	They tried to warn people.	pe told the boys about Pompeii.
	They heard a loud noise.	enly they saw a bright light!
	The children ran up a hill.	
4	Work in pairs. Read the sentences. Check the text and then replace the underlined words with more specific information.	
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Value: helping people in danger; reading for pleasure



- Read the text from a news website. Write t (true) or f (false).
- 1 Natural disasters can happen all over the world.
- Scientists can stop weather disasters from happening.
- 3 Scientists can warn us about volcanoes, but not about earthquakes.
- Weather and people can cause forest fires.
- 5 Floods often cause lots of damage.



#### MAKE SURE YOU'RE DISASTER SMART – THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE BETTER.

- Natural disasters happen all over the world.
   We cannot stop them from happening.
- The weather causes some disasters like thunderstorms, floods, hurricanes and avalanches. Scientists often know when weather disasters will happen.
- Scientists have special equipment to watch volcanoes and earthquakes, but it's hard to know when these disasters will happen. That is why volcanoes and earthquakes cause a lot of damage.
- Statistics show that floods are the most expensive natural disasters.

- Forest fires can happen because of lightning, but also because people are not careful and make a fires in very dry places.
- Earthquakes are the deadliest of all natural disasters because they kill more people each year than any other disaster.
- It's a good idea to find out what kinds of disasters can happen where you live.
- When people choose a place to live, they should think about what disasters can happen. For example, people shouldn't build houses close to rivers if there is a danger of floods.
- Work in groups of four. Think of a disaster you heard about / read about / watched on TV or which you experienced yourself. Tell your classmates about it.

A terrible flood happened in ...

**16** Reading and speaking skills





# Listen to a radio show about a natural disaster and answer the questions.

- 1 When did the flood in New Orleans happen?
- 2 How many people died?
- 3 What sort of things did people lose?
- 4 What did people need?



### The flood happened in ...







#### Listen again and match the sentence halves.

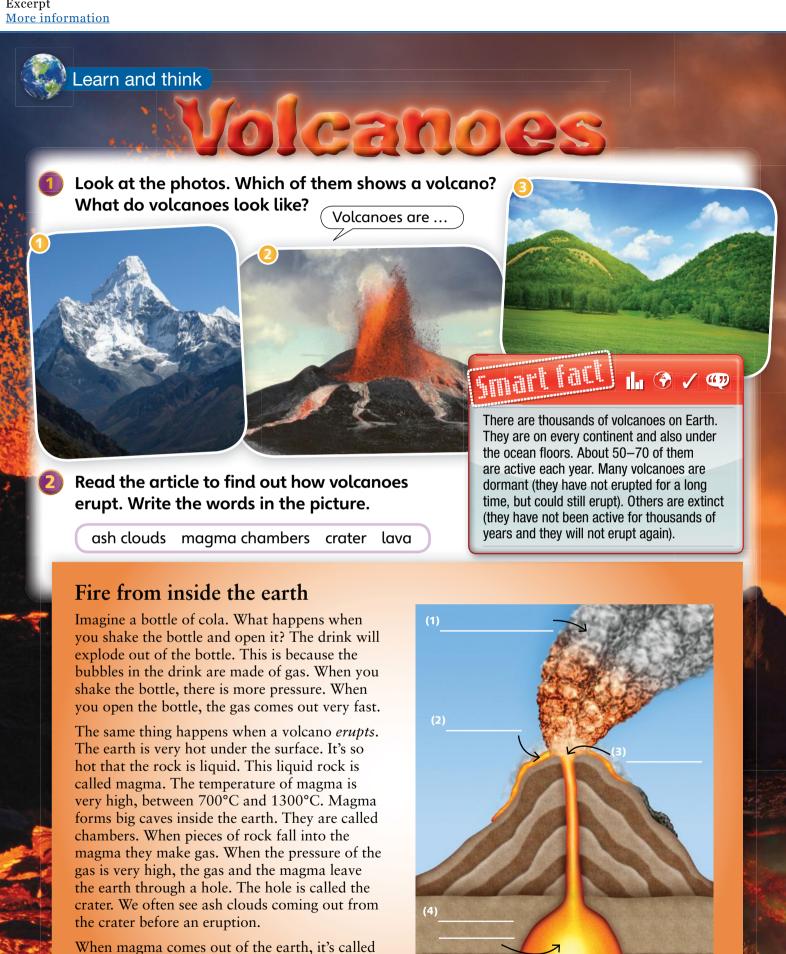
- 1 The Red Cross and Red Crescent
- 2 A few years ago, there was a terrible
- 3 It was called Katrina and it
- 4 Thousands of people lost their families,
- 5 People didn't have clean water, they
- 6 They worked day and night for

- a killed lots of people.
- b their homes and their jobs.
- c are one organisation with two names.
- d hurricane in the city of New Orleans.
- e many weeks to help the people of New Orleans.
- f had no food, and needed medical help.

# Think of a natural disaster (real or imaginary). Use the questions to write a short text.

- What was the disaster?
- Where did it happen?
- When did it happen?
- What were you doing when it happened?
- What damage was there? (Houses broken? People dead?)

Listening and writing skills



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lava. When lava gets cold, it becomes stone.



## Learn and think







#### **Project**) Make your own volcano. Look, read and order the pictures.

You need:

- 1 sheet of thin cardboard
- 1 sheet of thick cardboard
- 1 empty bottle, not too big
- some paints for decoration
- a roll of sticky tape
- a few sheets of newspaper



- Put the bottle upside down on the thin cardboard and draw a circle around it.
- Cut out the circle.
- Fold the cardboard to form a cone. Put some tape on it.
- Cut the cone so it is straight and the same height as the bottle. Put the bottle inside. Use the sticky tape to fix the mouth of the bottle to the cardboard.
- Turn the cone upside down, with the bottle in the middle. Use crumpled newspaper to fill the cone.
- Put the cone on the thick cardboard. Paint your volcano.





You need:

- water
- 2 big spoons of baking soda
- 4 or 5 drops of detergent vinegar



- Take the bottle out of the volcano.
- 2 Fill the bottle almost full with water.
- 3 Put 4 or 5 drops of detergent into the water.
- 4 Add 2 big spoons of baking soda.
- 5 Put the bottle back in the volcano.
- 6 Pour some vinegar into the bottle.
- Watch the eruption!





Geography



#### Time to present

# A mini-talk



Listen to a group presentation about a tornado. Put the pictures in order.





#### Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 What is a tornado?
- 2 What happened to Joplin in the USA?



#### Tips for presenters

You should give a talk, and not read out your text. That's why you should prepare your presentation well, so you know what you are going to say. When you talk, look at your classmates. This makes your talk more interesting.

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#### Find out about it

- Choose a disaster and find out more about it. Possible topics are: a flood, a mudslide, an avalanche, an earthquake, the eruption of a volcano, a fire or a tsunami.
- Use books and magazines.
- Talk to people in your family.
- Go online and see what you can find on the Internet.

#### **Prepare it**

- Work in groups of four.
- Find out some important facts about the disaster. Make notes on a big sheet of paper.
- Find four different pictures and print them out. Make sure the pictures or photos are big enough for your classmates to see from a distance.
- Write your talk. Each of you should write three or four sentences about your picture. Then show it to your teacher to help you with the language.
- Correct the text. Read it often enough so that you know what you are going to say.

#### **Present it**

- Tell your classmates about your topic.
- Point to your pictures while you are talking to make it more interesting.

A tornado is a very strong wind.

The tornado in Joplin was in 2011.

It destroyed lots of buildings.

My portfolio

# Filling in a form

Start a new portfolio for this year. Write about yourself in your profile.

My portfolio	What my friends like about me:	
wy portiono	I am funny and good at singing.	
My name:	What I did in my holidays:	
Antulio Martinez	I went to Lake Louise Summer Camp.	
My class:	My favourite topics in English:	
6e	My favourite topics are rainforests and Geography!	
My teacher's name:	What I like best about my English lessons:	
Mrs Wilkins	I like singing songs in English best!	

In his holidays, Antulio went on a summer camp. Read the form and answer the questions.



- What's his first name?
- What's his last name?
- 3 When was he born?
- What country is he from?
- What's his home address?
- What's his email address?

# **Lake Louise Summer Camp**



PLEASE WRITE IN CAPITAL LETTERS

MARTINEZ Last name: **ANTULIO** First name:

Nationality: **MEXICAN** 

✓ M F Sex:

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# **Tips for writers**

When you need to fill in a form, make sure you understand what you have to write. Sometimes you can guess what the words mean but always check with someone just to make sure.

In pairs, ask and answer questions. Then make a form for your partner. Check their answers.

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