

Handout 1.2: Matching Activity

Place the letter for the following natural disasters in the column that is next to their correct definitions.

Natural Disasters	Letter	Definition
A. Floods		Uncontrolled fires in areas of vegetation such as forests and grasslands.
B. Earthquakes		Abnormal precipitation that causes severe damage to structures, social disturbances, and possible loss of life.
C. Tornadoes		Giant waves that are often caused by earthquakes or volcanic eruptions below the seafloor.
D. Wildfires		When a body of water overflows onto an area of land that is normally dry.
E. Severe Storms (ice storms, blizzards, hail)		The movement of the earth's surface caused by the release of energy from the earth's crust, the lithosphere.
F. Tsunamis		A large amount of rock, ice and snow that rapidly falls down the side of a hill or mountain.
G. Heatwaves		A violent, rotating column of air that is usually attached to the base of a thunderstorm in the sky to the ground.
H. Avalanches		A period of higher-than-average hot weather that lasts for several days or even weeks.