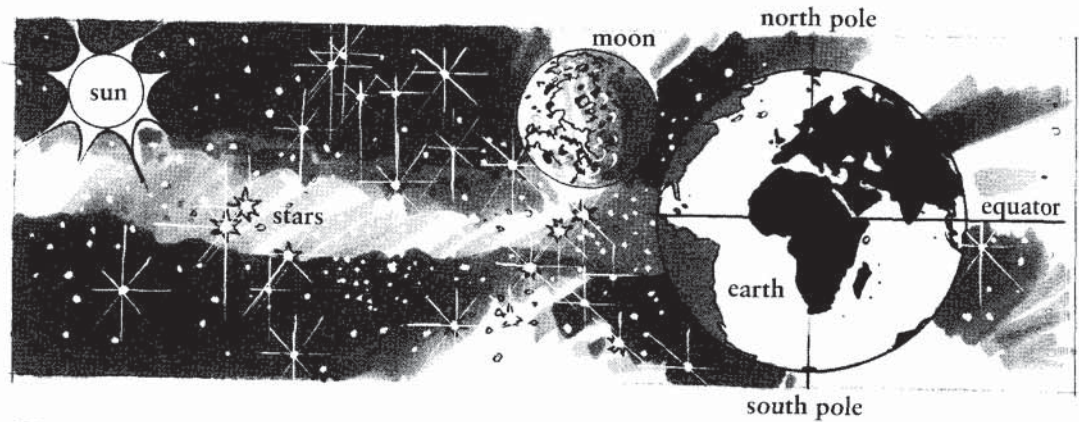


37 The physical world



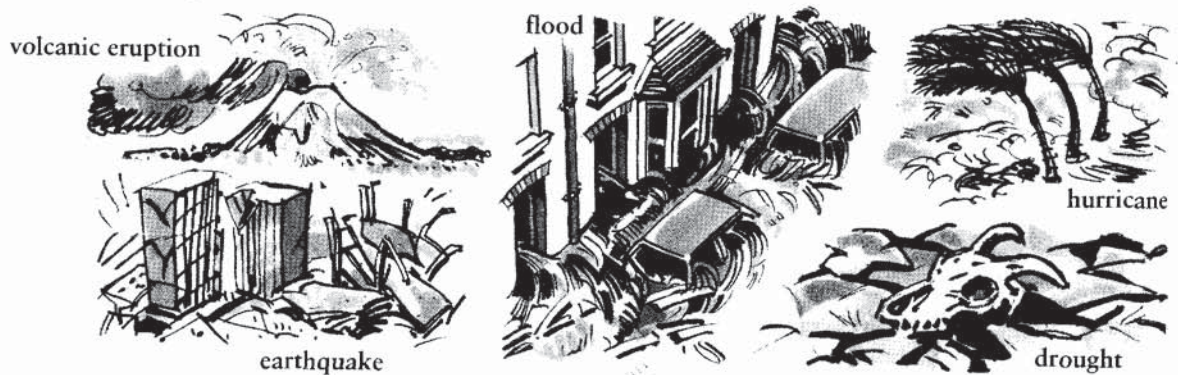
A Physical features

continents	e.g. Asia, Europe
countries	e.g. China, Brazil
islands	e.g. Sicily, Corsica, Hong Kong
group of islands	e.g. The Bahamas, The Balearics
oceans	e.g. The Atlantic Ocean, The Pacific Ocean
seas	e.g. The Red Sea, The Dead Sea
lakes	e.g. Lake Tanganyika, Lake Titikaka
rivers	e.g. The Nile, The Mississippi
falls	e.g. Niagara Falls, The Iguacu Falls
mountains	e.g. Mount Everest, Mount Fuji
mountain ranges	e.g. The Andes, The Alps
jungles	e.g. The Amazon (also called The Amazon rainforest)
forests	e.g. The Black Forest
deserts	e.g. The Sahara, The Gobi

Note: Sometimes you need the definite article 'the', e.g. The Atlantic Ocean, The Alps; sometimes no article is used, e.g. Mount Everest and Lake Titikaka. Compare this with your own language.

B Natural disasters

A disaster is when something terrible happens, which often results in death, destruction and suffering.



Exercises

37.1 Complete these sentences, as in the example.

Example: The Nile is ...a river.....

- 1 The Atlantic is
- 2 The Alps are
- 3 Greece is
- 4 The Sahara is
- 5 The Amazon is
- 6 The Mediterranean is
- 7 The Bahamas is
- 8 Africa is
- 9 Crete and Corsica are
- 10 Everest is the highest in the world.
- 11 Michigan and Eyrie are two of the Great
- 12 The 'Great Bear' is a group of

37.2 Fill the gaps in the text with *the* if necessary.

My journey took me across Atlantic Ocean from Europe to South America. I travelled through Amazon rainforest and down through the interior of Brazil as far as Iguacu Falls. From there I headed north again, through Bolivia, round Lake Titikaka and up to Cuzco. Then I crossed Andes and finally arrived in Lima. For the last part of the journey I flew to Jamaica in West Indies.

37.3 What disaster is being described in each of these sentences?

- 1 It lifted a car about ten feet off the ground, and then we saw it disappear down the street.
- 2 It was about two metres deep and we watched as most of our furniture just floated away.
- 3 The grass turned yellow and most of the crops died.
- 4 The walls began to move visibly, and large cracks opened up in the ground.
- 5 We could see the lava slowly advancing towards the town just ten miles away.

37.4 Can you name everything marked on this map? Write your answers next to the symbols.

