



# ENGLISH

## Chapter 11 Session B

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
SECONDARY

**HISTORY**  
Simple Past

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 **SACO OLIVEROS**

A stylized illustration of a room. On the left, there is a wall with light-colored wallpaper featuring a repeating pattern of small red flowers with green stems. A dark, rectangular screen or window is positioned in the center-left. To the right of the screen, the background is a solid dark purple. The overall composition is split between the patterned wall and the solid purple background.

## NATURAL DISASTERS

**ZANICHELLI**

## VOCABULARY 2

### Natural Disasters

- 1 Match pictures 1-6 with the words in the box. Mark an X next to the words that are not in the pictures.

drought ☐ 5 earthquake ☐ famine ☐  
 fire ☐ floods ☐ 4 hurricane ☐ 6  
 landslide ☐ 3 tornado ☐ 1  
 tsunami ☐ volcanic eruption ☐ 2

- 2  43 Listen and repeat.



- 3 Complete the quiz with words from activity 1.

**QUIZ** **How well do you know your history?**

1 There was a potato a famine in Ireland; people had nothing to eat and about 1 million people died. It was from 1845 to ...  
 I 1852. II 1864. III 1870.


2 There were b floods in the south of England. The water was 0.9m high. The year was ...  
 I 1850. II 1939. III 2007.

3 There was a terrible c fire in the year 1988. Many houses and shops burned in the capital of ...  
 I Italy. II Portugal. III Colombia.

volcanic eruption

4 There was a huge d eruption in Iceland and many planes couldn't fly because of the ash cloud. The year was ...  
 I 2001. II 2005. III 2010.


5 e Drought is a problem in many countries where there isn't much rain. The longest was in the Atacama desert in Chile: it was from 1571 to ...  
 I 1671. II 1771. III 1971.

- 4**  **INTERFACE** Work in pairs. Do the history quiz in activity 3.



- 1 Skim the text and look at the pictures from the textbook article on page 65. What do you think the text is about?

### Natural disasters in history.

- 2  44 Read and listen. Check your answer to activity 1.



**3** Scan the text and answer the questions.

a When did Mount Vesuvius erupt?

**August 24th, 79 AD.**

b What did Domenico Fontana do when he discovered the paintings?

**He covered them again.**

c How did the volcanic eruption help us learn about Roman culture?

**It preserved Roman life exactly as it was.**

d What natural disasters happened after the Lisbon earthquake?

**There was a tsunami and many fires started.**

e Did buildings in Lisbon disappear into the sea?

**Yes.**

f What positive effects did the earthquake have?

**The people rebuilt their city with wide streets, big squares and special buildings that could resist earthquakes. Also modern seismology was born.**



## Great European Disasters

### ON AUGUST 24, 79AD ...

Mount Vesuvius erupted. The eruption was catastrophic, and ash and lava covered the towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum. They stayed hidden for nearly 1,700 years, but when Domenico Fontana, an Italian architect, discovered walls with paintings in 1559, how did he react? He covered them again! A Spanish engineer discovered Herculaneum in 1738 and Pompeii in 1748. In Pompeii, the volcano preserved Roman life exactly as it was, and we now know a lot about Roman culture because of the eruption.



### ON NOVEMBER 1, 1755 ...

there was a terrible earthquake in Lisbon, Portugal. Immediately after the earthquake, there was a tsunami and many fires started in the city. Buildings fell, burned and disappeared into the sea. In fact, the earthquake and its effects destroyed most of the city. But what did the people of Lisbon do? They rebuilt their city. They made wide streets, big squares and special buildings that could resist earthquakes. Also, thanks to the Portuguese prime minister's investigations, modern seismology was born.







### Simple Past (Questions and Short Answers)

- 1 Look at the questions and answers below.  
Do you use *did* for all subjects in simple past questions? **Yes.**

#### questions and short answers

**Did** Pompeii and Herculaneum **stay** hidden for nearly 1,700 years? / Yes, they **did**.

**Did** Domenico Fontano **discover** walls with paintings 1,700 years ago? / No, he **didn't**.

**Did** the volcano **preserve** Roman life? / Yes, it **did**.

How **did** he react? / He **covered** them.

**2** Read the text *Great European Disasters* again and match the columns.

- a** Did Portugal go through a terrible earthquake?
- b** Did many fires start in Lisbon after the tsunami?
- c** Did people in Lisbon move to another place?
- d** Did the prime minister investigate the problem?

**c** No, they didn't.

**b** Yes, they did.

**a** Yes, it did.

**d** Yes, he did.

**3** Write complete questions using the simple past.

**a** how many ships / Christopher Columbus / have?

**How many ships did Christopher Columbus have?**

**b** when / they / discover / Pompeii?

**When did they discover Pompeii?**

**c** where / Marco Polo / go?

**Where did Marco Polo go?**

**d** when / Hillary and Norgay / climb Everest?

**When did Hillary and Norgay climb Everest?**

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Listen and check your answers.  
Then listen again and write the answers  
to the questions.

a

Three

c

China

b

1748

d

1953



## ***could / couldn't***

### **TIP**

We use **could** / **couldn't** to talk about ability and possibility in the past:

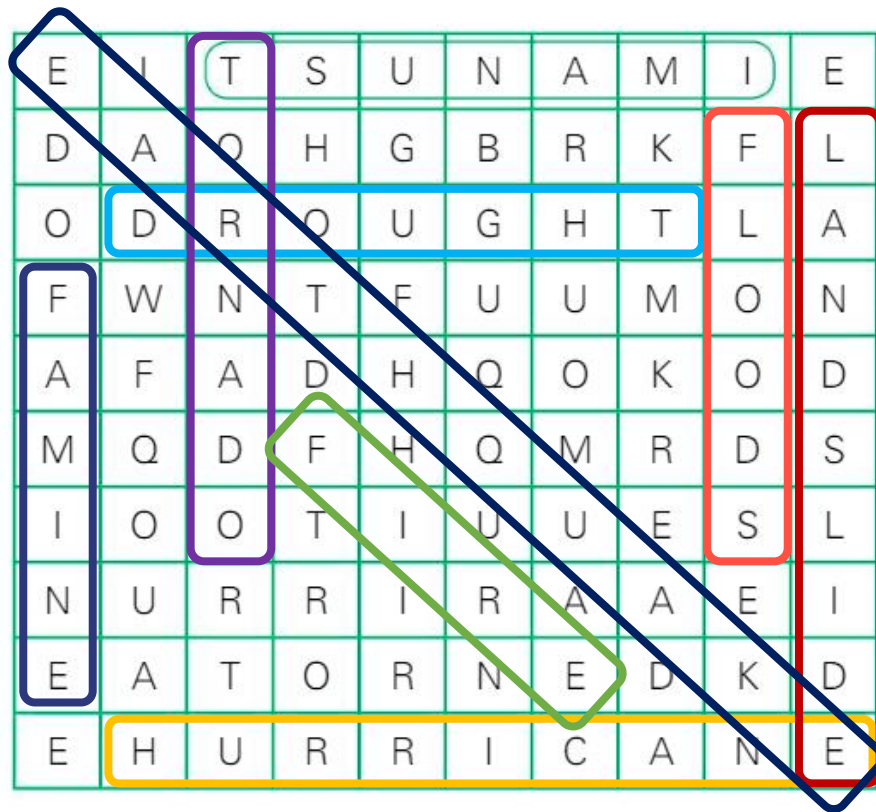
*The buildings **could** resist earthquakes. They **couldn't** stop the fires.*

**5** Complete the sentences with *could* or *couldn't*.

- a** Many fires occurred in Lisbon in 1755 but the population **could** rebuilt the city.
- b** Many people **couldn't** go back to their old houses because their properties disappeared into the sea.
- c** Some people **couldn't** take their things along with them because they were badly injured.

## Natural Disasters

- Find nine natural disasters in the word search.





2 Match the words in the box with the pictures.

~~fire~~ floods landslide tornado  
tsunami volcanic eruption



fire



b



a



c

Homework





- 3 Complete the news reports with words from activity 1.

## World News

The a **drought** continues in Central Africa. It last rained here two years ago and everything is very dry. Some people don't have any food at all.

b **Famine** in this part of the country is very serious indeed.

People are talking about the **earthquake** in California on Tuesday. Jolene McKlusky said, 'The kitchen floor moved and then plates, cups and food fell onto the floor. We all ran under the table.' The incident caused a d **tsunami** which hit the coast. One witness said, 'I was on the beach and I saw very big waves in the sea. It was really scary.'

A report is coming in from the National Weather Center about the e **floods** that are affecting Florida. It is very windy and rainy at the moment, so stay inside.

In Mexico, the rain continues and the water is rising. There are f **landslides** all over the country. Many people are sleeping in shelters tonight. The heavy rain caused a **fire/landslide** which cut off many villages in the mountains yesterday. Large rocks fell onto the road.

The h **fire** in Greece is continuing in the forest. It is destroying the trees and killing the wildlife. It began with a cigarette. Emergency service personnel are working in the area.