

THEME 4 HUMAN IN NATURE READING SKILL (UPLIFT)

A. Scan the news and complete the table

Hurricanes hit this state every year!

People living in Florida are at risk of hurricanes during the six-month-long Atlantic hurricane season. Every year, between June 1 and November 30, hurricanes hit different areas of the state. They bring some risks like heavy rains, floods, and tornadoes. They can also cause deaths, injuries, and damage to homes, cars, and roads.

The world is burning!

Heatwaves cause wildfires in many parts of the world, such as North and South America and Africa. Europe is also experiencing record heat in July. Some wildfires continue burning in Greece, the Aegean region of Türkiye, and southern Italy for at least a week. On the Italian island of Sardinia, thousands of people are leaving their homes and villages because of the fires.

What is the secret of their success?

Earthquakes are one of the most dangerous natural disasters. They happen suddenly and can destroy buildings, bridges, motorways, and many other structures. Around 2,000 earthquakes happen in Japan every year, but the Japanese know how to handle them. For example, they build stronger and safer buildings, and they know what to do during an earthquake because they start learning about disasters and safety rules at an early age. They also use technology to reduce the effects of disasters.

Effects of the Disasters

Hurricanes

Wildfires

Earthquakes

B. Read the news again and answer the following questions.

1. How long does the hurricane season last in Florida?
2. When is the Atlantic hurricane season?
3. What is the main cause of wildfires in many parts of the world?
4. Which month breaks the heat record in Europe?
5. What countries are currently experiencing wildfires?
6. How many earthquakes happen in Japan every year?
7. How do the Japanese handle earthquakes?

C. Scan the text and write the things Alice and John can and cannot do.

BEING IN NATURE

I am Alice. I live in a one-room cabin in the woods with my husband, John, and our dog, Rex. In this tiny cabin, there is a big world for us; we read books, play musical instruments, and write about our experiences. The outside of the cabin is also marvellous. In our garden, we can grow various fruit and vegetables, but we cannot eat all of them at once. That is why we dry them in summer to eat in winter. We also bury potatoes and onions under the soil in autumn to prevent them from going bad so we can eat them fresh in winter. There is no public power supply in this area. We can generate electricity with solar panels and wind turbines, but we can use only a small amount of it. For that, we cannot use an oven, iron, or other electrical devices. John usually cooks our meals on a metal stove outside. There is not any Internet connection or mobile phone reception, so we cannot get in touch with our beloved ones. Actually, this is not a big problem because they come and visit us here every six months. Being in nature and producing our own food and energy makes us feel self-sufficient and independent.

They can...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

They cannot...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.