

L.O. TBAT describe and locate well-known natural disasters from around the world.

BIG QUESTION: What and where are the world's most known natural disasters?

Task 1: Read the articles and watch the video below, which share some of the world's most famous natural disasters.

2004 Tsunami in the Indian Ocean

On December 26, 2004, at 7:59 AM local time, an undersea **earthquake** with a magnitude of 9.1 struck off the **coast** of the Indonesian island of **Sumatra**. Over the next seven hours, a **tsunami**—a series of immense ocean waves—triggered by the quake reached out across the **Indian Ocean**, devastating coastal areas as far away as **East Africa**. Some locations reported that the waves had reached a height of 30 feet (9 metres) or more when they hit the shoreline.



The tsunami killed at least 225,000 people across a dozen countries, with Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Maldives, and Thailand sustaining massive damage. Indonesian officials estimated that the death toll there alone ultimately exceeded 200,000, particularly in northern Sumatra's Aceh province. Tens of thousands were reported dead or missing in Sri Lanka and India, a large number of them from the Indian Andaman and Nicobar Islands territory.

2010 Earthquake in Haiti

2010 Haiti earthquake, large-scale earthquake that occurred January 12, 2010, on the West Indian island of Hispaniola, comprising the countries of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Most severely affected was Haiti, occupying the western third of the island. An exact death toll proved elusive in the ensuing chaos. The Haitian government's official count was more than 300,000, but other estimates were considerably smaller. Hundreds of thousands of survivors were displaced.

2005 Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans and Louisiana USA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7unIPvNxLLA>

1931 Yellow River, China Floods

This is most deadly natural disaster by death toll. The 1931 floods were a series of floods that occurred in China in the year 1931. About 145,000-3.7 million people were said to be dead in this series of floods.

In the period of 1928-30 China faced a severe drought. Due to some abnormal weather conditions heavy snowstorms and heavy rainfall occurred in the parts of central China. The water levels increased in the rivers. The rain grew heavier in the months of July and August in 1931. China faced nine cyclones in the month of July 1931 alone.

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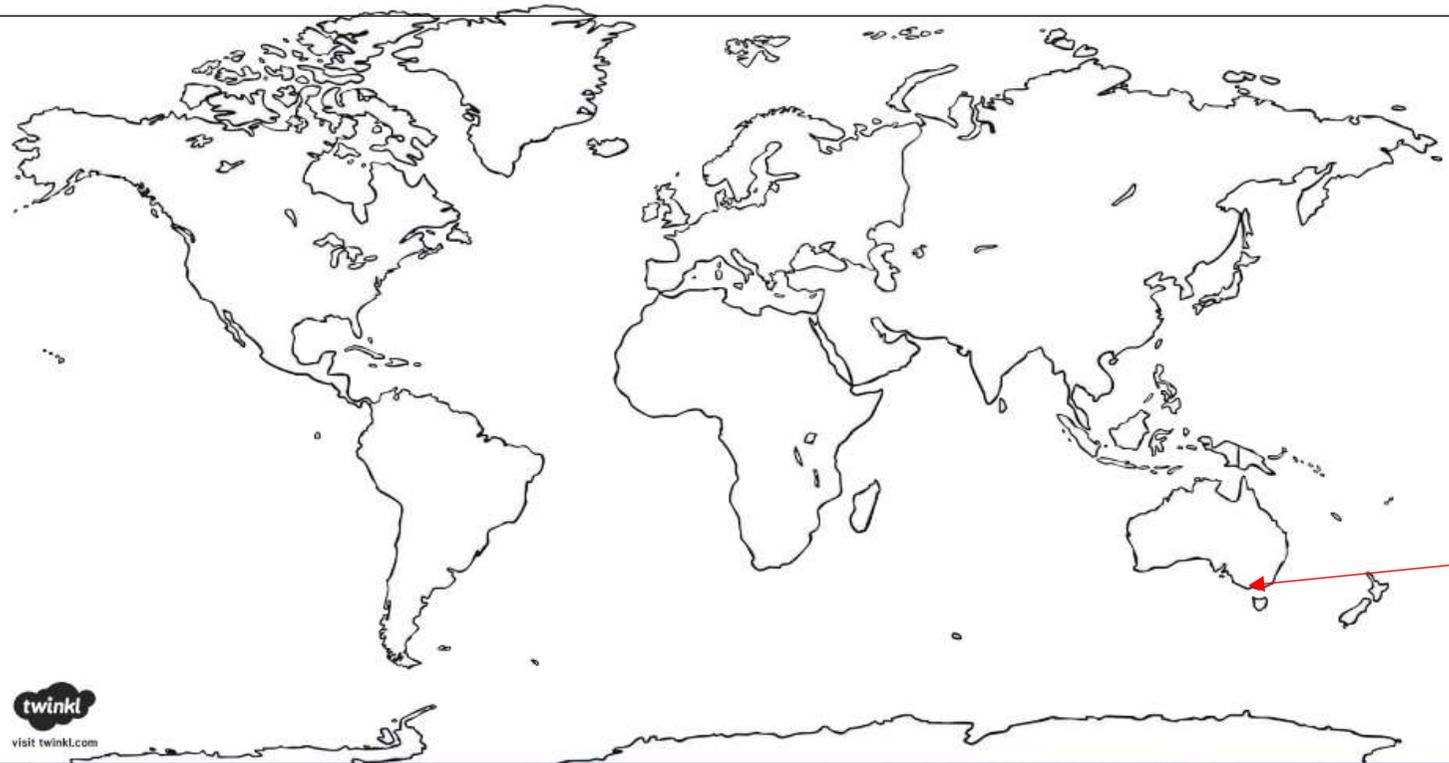
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Task 2: Use an atlas or google maps <https://www.google.co.uk/maps> to locate on your blank world map, where in the natural disasters that we learnt about took place.

Success Criteria

- Locate and make a reference point on your world map of each natural disaster
- Write the name of the natural disaster
- Write the date the natural disaster occurred
- Write 3 facts about the events that took place

Challenge: Research another well-known natural disaster of your choice and add it to your world map; include the features on your success criteria.



Example

Name: Australia's Bush Fires

Location: New South Wales and Victoria.

Date: 2019

Facts:

- 11 million hectares of bush, forest and parks burned.
- 33 deaths.
- Severe drought and record breaking temperatures fuelled fires

