

1. Read the sentences and decide which natural disaster (1-5) they refer to.

- **a)** This disaster was caused by people.
- **b)** This disaster happened in the 14th century.
- **c)** Many people died because of low quality houses.
- **d)** More than 180,000 people drowned.
- **e)** No warning was given to people before this disaster.

2. Match the underlined words in the text with their meanings.

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| a) wipe out | 1) to save somebody / something from a dangerous situation |
| b) starve | 2) to destroy completely |
| c) drown | 3) to die because of being underwater too long |
| d) magnitude | 4) to suffer or die because of hunger |
| e) rescue | 5) the size of an earthquake |