

1. Match the underlined words to their definitions.

- a) happen, take place:
- b) causing damage to people or things:
- c) stop something from happening:
- d) willing to give things, sharing:
- e) say that something will happen, before it happens:
- f) the top layer of an area of water or land:

2. Complete the statements according to the passage.

- a) An earthquake is
- b) Scientists are trying to

3. Answer the questions. Give short answers.

- a) What does the Mother Nature give people? Write two things.
- b) What are the names of two of the natural disasters mentioned in the passage?
- c) Why do people want to know more about earthquakes?
- d) How many earthquakes occur in the world yearly?
- e) How long does an earthquake normally last?
- f) About how many plates are there?
- g) Which word in the passage means "the outer layer" of the earth?
- h) Which is more dangerous? The shaking or the ground breaking?
- i) What are two of the large engineering structures mentioned?