

EARTHQUAKES – WORD LIST

- **cause** = the reason for something
- **collapse** = to fall down
- **compare** = to exchange the information you have with others
- **concrete** = a very hard material made of cement
- **crust** = the top part of the earth
- **damage** = destruction
- **decade** = period of ten years
- **destroy** = damage, ruin
- **developing countries** = the poorest countries in the world
- **direction** = way
- **disaster** = when something very dangerous happens and a lot of people die
- **edge** = border, outer part of
- **erupt** = to break out or explode
- **especially** = above all
- **fault** = where two plates meet
- **height** = how high something is
- **injured** = hurt
- **landslide** = rocks move down mountains and destroy houses or block roads
- **lead to** = to be the reason for
- **loose** = movable, to come free, not fixed
- **lorry** = a car that carries lots of goods
- **magma** = rock in the inner part of the earth that is liquid
- **magnitude** = how strong or powerful an earthquake is; it is measured on the Richter scale
- **man-made** = something caused or made by a person
- **medium-sized** = not so big and not so small
- **movement** = when something moves
- **occur** = happen
- **once in a while** = sometimes
- **plate** = one of the very large sheets of rock that form the surface of the Earth
- **rate** = rank, measure how strong something is
- **reach** = get to; go from to
- **record** = write down, keep information
- **registered** = recorded
- **release** = let go
- **safe water** = clean water
- **serious** = dangerous
- **slide** = move, go down
- **spread out** = to move over a larger area
- **stable** = it doesn't move
- **sudden** = unexpected, quick
- **supplies** = reserves
- **surface** = the top layer
- **take place** = happen
- **towards each other** = here: two objects move to each other
- **treat** = care for, take care of
- **volcano** = a mountain that often explodes and rock, gas and lava come out of it
- **weak** = not very strong
- **zone** = places, areas