



Follow instructions in English.
Read and locate information in English.
Write in English.

Work with a partner on the following webquest.

Find out about natural disasters in Australia. Choose one kind of disaster and find the following information:

1. definition / effects / what happens
2. examples of this disaster in Australia
3. what causes it
4. safety – How we can prevent it. OR How we can protect ourselves.

Write around 250 – 500 words. Be ready to give a short presentation to the class based on your research. You can use pictures and handouts.

READING

Some of the websites below are quite simple and are written for children. Some are written for an average native speaker. Others are more complex. Sometimes you will need to scan the pages looking for information. Scroll down and look at headings and sub-headings until you find what you want.

WRITING

Always use your own words OR make it clear that you are quoting directly from a source.

Example:

'Fill bathtubs, sinks, and jugs with clean water in case water becomes contaminated.' (1)

(1) <http://www.fema.gov/hazards/floods/whatshouldidoduring.shtm>

Most of your writing should be your own.

Use these websites to help you. Also check some of the links on the various pages.

Australia map – <http://www.wilmap.com.au/ausmaps/>

General - <http://www.cultureandrecreation.gov.au/articles/naturaldisasters/>

General - <http://www.fema.gov/kids/dizarea.htm>

General - <http://www.property.adelaide.edu.au/emerg-plan/naturalhazards-1.html>

Weather - <http://www.cultureandrecreation.gov.au/articles/weather/>

Bushfires - <http://clearlyexplained.com/nature/earth/disasters/bushfires.html>

Bushfires - http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/talking_point/1738455.stm

Bushfires - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/1739096.stm>

Bushfires - http://www.anu.edu.au/BoZo/policy_docs/Bushfire_Safety.pdf

Cyclones - <http://www.bom.gov.au/info/cyclone/>

Cyclones & tornadoes - <http://www.kidcyber.com.au/topics/cyclone&tornado.htm>

Cyclones - <http://www.nrma.com.au/pub/nrma/home/homehelp/secureprotect/cyclones/safety.shtml>

Tornadoes - <http://australiasevereweather.com/tornado.htm>

Drought - <http://www.bom.gov.au/lam/climate/levelthree/c20thc/drought.htm>

Drought - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/2141911.stm>

Drought - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/3361991.stm>

Droughts - <http://www.theweatherprediction.com/wxsafety/drought/>

Earthquakes - <http://www.ga.gov.au/urban/factsheets/earthquakes.jsp>

Earthquakes - http://www.ga.gov.au/urban/factsheets/earthquakes_australia.jsp

Earthquakes - <http://www.seis.com.au/>

Earthquakes - <http://www.uaf.edu/seagrant/earthquake/prepare2.html>

Floods - <http://www.ga.gov.au/urban/factsheets/floods.jsp>

Floods - <http://www.agso.gov.au/pdf/UC0006.pdf>

Floods - <http://www.fema.gov/hazards/floods/whatshouldidoduring.shtm>

Heatwaves - <http://www.bom.gov.au/lam/climate/levelthree/c20thc/temp.htm>

Heatwaves - <http://www.sharpcom.com/stormalert/safety/heatwave.htm>

Tsunamis - <http://www.ga.gov.au/urban/factsheets/tsunami4.jsp>

Tsunamis - <http://www.fema.gov/hazards/tsunamis/tsunamif.shtm>