



# LESSON PLAN

## DISASTER WORDS

**Series:** Major Disasters

### Objective

To help students practice using glossaries, dictionaries, context clues, and other tools to find the meaning of unfamiliar words.

### Supplies

- One or more books in the Major Disasters series
- Dictionary, such as the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/>
- Disaster Words worksheet (attached)
- Pencils

### Before the Activity

Print a copy of the Disaster Words worksheet for each student.

### Activity

Pass out a copy of the worksheet and a book from the Major Disasters series to each student. Ask students to read through the book. As they encounter words that are new or unfamiliar, students should write these words on the worksheet. They should also write the sentence and page number where each word was used in the book. Then, students should write each word's definition, or meaning, on the line below it. Some words will be explained in the book's main text. For others, students will need to turn to the book's glossary on page 30. If a word isn't explained in the main text or glossary, help students use a dictionary to look up its meaning.

### Evaluation

Collect the worksheets at the end of the activity. Were students able to write words or phrases defining each word? Could they use each word accurately in a sentence?



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1. word: \_\_\_\_\_

use in the book: \_\_\_\_\_

definition: \_\_\_\_\_

2. word: \_\_\_\_\_

use in the book: \_\_\_\_\_

definition: \_\_\_\_\_

3. word: \_\_\_\_\_

use in the book: \_\_\_\_\_

definition: \_\_\_\_\_

4. word: \_\_\_\_\_

use in the book: \_\_\_\_\_

definition: \_\_\_\_\_

5. word: \_\_\_\_\_

use in the book: \_\_\_\_\_

definition: \_\_\_\_\_

6. word: \_\_\_\_\_

use in the book: \_\_\_\_\_

definition: \_\_\_\_\_