

Staying Safe: Disaster Preparedness & Risk Management

VOCABULARY ACQUISITION

PART 01 Part 1: Warm-Up & Brainstorming

Imagine a heavy storm is coming to your city. Look at the images below (mentally or sketched) and discuss: What are the first three things you would do to stay safe?

1. What are three things a "green city" must have?

PART 02 Part 2: Vocabulary in Context

Examine the sentences below. Use the context to deduce the meaning of the **bold** words.

• 1. Mitigate

- "The city planted more trees to **mitigate** the effects of the heatwave."
- "Building a sea wall can **mitigate** the damage caused by rising water."
- "Your guess: Does this mean to make something better/stronger or to make something less severe/bad?"

DEFINITION DEDUCTION:

• 3. Resilient

- "The local economy is **resilient** and recovered quickly after the storm."
- "We need to build **resilient** houses that can survive strong winds."
- "Your guess: Is a **resilient** person/object weak or able to bounce back?"

DEFINITION DEDUCTION:

• 5. Vulnerable

- "People living in wooden houses are more **vulnerable** to fires."
- "The elderly are often the most **vulnerable** group during a power outage."
- "Your guess: Does this mean protected or at risk/easily hurt?"

DEFINITION DEDUCTION:

• 2. Hazard

- "Broken glass on the floor is a serious safety **hazard**."
- "The report identified fire as the main **hazard** in the old factory."
- "Observation: What kind of adjectives often come before **hazard**?" (e.g., natural, safety, potential)."

DEFINITION DEDUCTION:

• 4. Evacuate

- "When the alarm sounded, the students began to **evacuate** the building."
- "The government told residents to **evacuate** the coastal area before the hurricane arrived."
- "Observation: What is the difference between "leaving" and **evacuating**?"

DEFINITION DEDUCTION:

• 6. Precaution

- "Checking the weather forecast is a simple **precaution** before going hiking."
- "We locked the windows as a **precaution** against the heavy rain."
- "Observation: Do you take a **precaution** before or after a problem happens?"

DEFINITION DEDUCTION:

PART 03 Part 3: Word Association & Application

Read the three scenarios below. For each scenario, choose the **two** target words that best fit the situation and explain **why** in one sentence.

SCENARIO A

SCENARIO B

SCENARIO C

Example: For Scenario A, I choose 'Urban' and 'Alternative' because the train is in a city and it is a different choice from driving.

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PART 04 Part 4: Creative Writing Task

The "Green City" Proposal

Write a short proposal suggesting one change the city should make.

REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST:

TEACHER'S GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

Level: **B1 (INTERMEDIATE)**

Objective: To acquire and use high-utility vocabulary related to disaster management and safety.

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

TOPIC CONTEXT

Staying Safe: Disaster Preparedness & Risk Management

TASK GOAL

To create a community-specific disaster preparedness plan.

VOCABULARY TERMS

MITIGATE

HAZARD

RESILIENT

EVACUATE

VULNERABLE

PRECAUTION

INSTRUCTIONAL PROCEDURE

- **01. Next Day (Active Recall):** Start the class by giving the students the definitions or "scenarios" from Part 3 verbally and ask them to shout out the target word.
- **02. One Week Later (Contextual Review):** Show a news headline about a recent natural event and ask students to write one sentence using at least two of the target words to describe the event (e.g., "The residents had to **evacuate** to **mitigate** the risk of injury.")
- **03. 03. HIGH INVOLVEMENT (20 MINS):**

ANSWER KEY & EXPECTED RESPONSES

Part 2: Meanings

Part 3: Word Association



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