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**“Foreign Language”**  
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**Seminar 8**

**Module II. Practical English**

**Seminar 8: Yes, I can! Surviving disaster**

**Goals of the seminar**

1. Introduce the topic
2. Explain how to use a wide range of familiar and unfamiliar paper and digital reference resources to check meaning and extend understanding
3. Explain how to use appropriate subject-specific vocabulary and syntax to talk about a range of general and curricular topics

**Aspects of the seminar**

1. Listening to three short reports on natural disasters and complete the notes
2. Discussion which parts of the world they associate with the natural disasters and which ones could happen in their country
3. Talking about a natural disaster which has happened recently or that is very famous

**Assignment form**

Online webinar via Microsoft Teams

**Task 1.** In pairs, students discuss the meaning of the expression Surviving disaster and what they think it is about. Ask students: What is a disaster? (Something very bad that happens and causes a lot of damage or kills a lot of people.) What is the difference between a natural disaster and a man-made disaster? (A natural disaster is something that is created by a natural event, e.g. an earthquake, volcanic eruption, flood).

**Task 2.** Ask students to match the photos to the words. Remind them there are five extra words. Check their answers.

**Task 3.** Speaking In pairs, students discuss which parts of the world they associate with the natural disasters in exercise 1a and which ones could happen in their country.

**Task 4.** Listening. Play the track for students to listen to the definitions of eight words and write the correct form of the words in exercise 2 that match them.

**Extra reading**

1. Student's Book, English file 4<sup>th</sup> edition Intermediate, Oxford University
2. Student's Book, Workbook, Extra materials – Digital Gateway B2, Macmillan Education
3. [www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com)