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Unit Thirty Nature's wildness

Extremní počasí
Různé formy infinitivu
Další nepravidelná slovesa
Časové věty (doplnění)
Odkazování v textu (ukazovací zájmena)
Zvolací věty
"There was" / "There has been" / ...
Zrádná slova



With global warming, weather conditions seem to have changed in the past few decades. As soon as we start our family's summer holiday, it pours with rain for weeks on end, with some countries suffering extensive flooding. This can be quite exciting for children, when they are taken to school by boat instead of by bus (if the school is on higher ground). However, sometimes schools, hospitals, offices, banks, shops and churches may have to close until the flood-water drains away. Sandbags can help to keep a flash flood at bay for a while.

On the other hand, an unseasonable drought will have equally far-reaching effects on the lives of people, especially those living in a parched area. Crops and livestock are not easily able to adapt to extreme conditions, for example, and supplies of the necessities of life may run short. Extra precautions have to be taken against fire, too.

Much of Europe is relatively safe from earthquakes because these are often light when they do occur. Only slight tremors are usually felt. Scientists are often able to warn local populations of a perceived danger so that people can get ready to leave the area for a while. When evacuation is necessary, the optimism of travelling to safety is balanced against the worry that your home may not be standing when you get back...