

1. **disaster** (n) Something that causes great damage or harm.

2. **flee** (v) To run away from danger or from something frightening.

3. **fracture**



(n) A crack or break, as in metal or bone.

(v) To crack or break.

4. **immense**



(adj) 1. Great in size or extent.

2. Great in degree.

5. **intense** (adj) 1. Very strong; very great.

2. Showing great depth of feeling.

6. **investigate**



(v) To look into closely; to study in great detail.

7. **lurch**

(v) To move forward or to one side suddenly and unexpectedly.

(n) A jerking or swaying movement.

8. **major**

(adj) Great in size, number, or importance.

(n) 1. A military officer just above a captain in rank.

2. The main subject a student is studying.

(v) To study as one's most important subject.

9. **minor**

(adj) 1. Small; unimportant.

(n) A person who is not yet an adult; a child.

10. **petrify**



(v) 1. To make rigid with terror; to terrify.

2. To change into a stonelike substance.

11. **predict**

(v) To say what will happen before it takes place.

12. **prone**

(adj) 1. Likely to have or do.

2. Lying face downward.

13. **sparse** (adj) 1. Thinly grown or spread.  
2. Not crowded.

14. **topple**



- (v) 1. To fall or push over.  
2. To overthrow.

15. **urban** (adj) Having to do with cities.