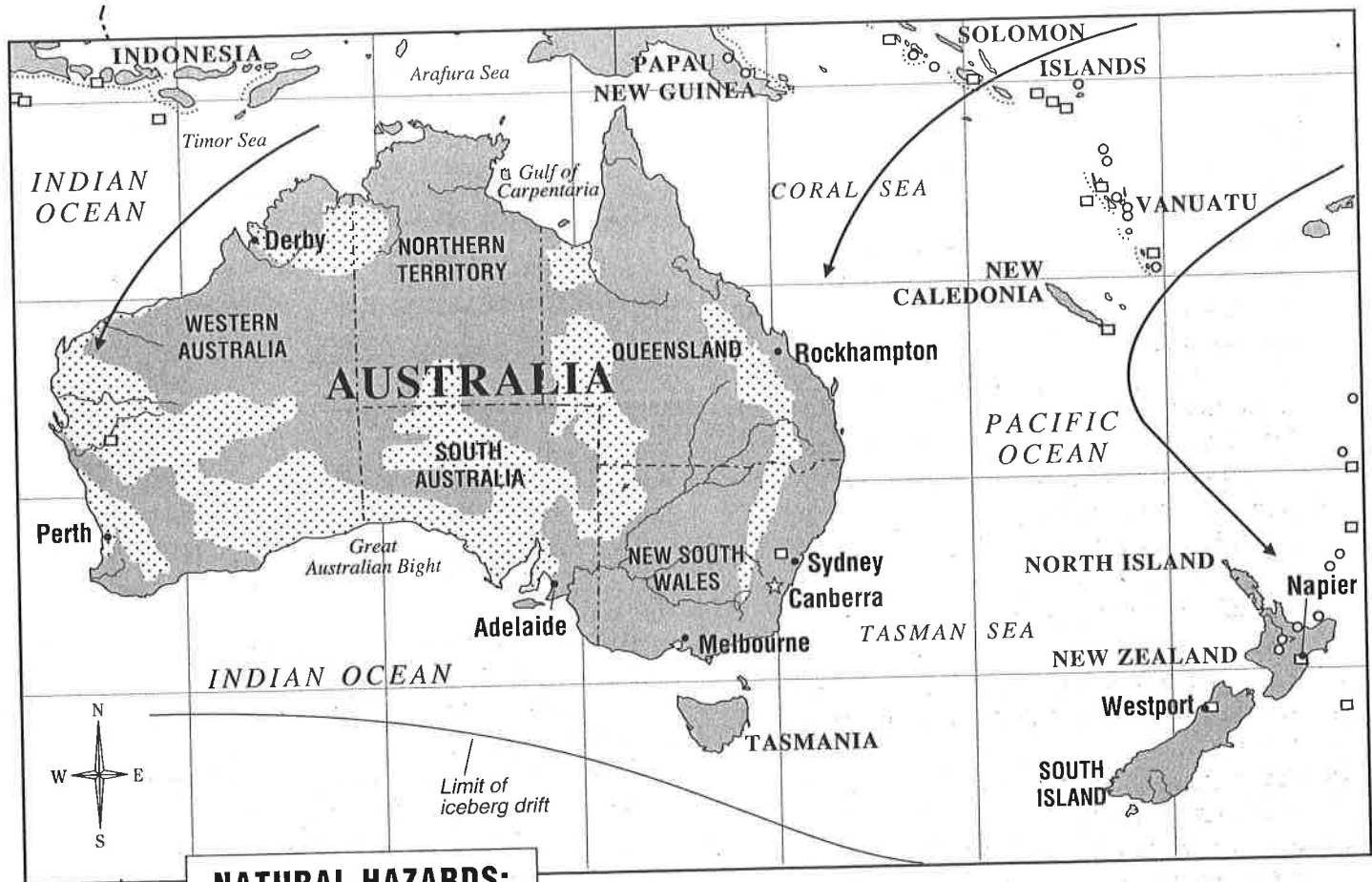


Natural Hazards

Australia and Oceania

One of the most exciting and frightening parts of geography is the natural hazard that appears suddenly, often causing tremendous damage. Volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis (tidal waves), and icebergs are examples, but even deserts can greatly change the landscape and the lives of people who live in a place. This map shows some of the natural hazards found in Australia and the islands that make up Oceania.



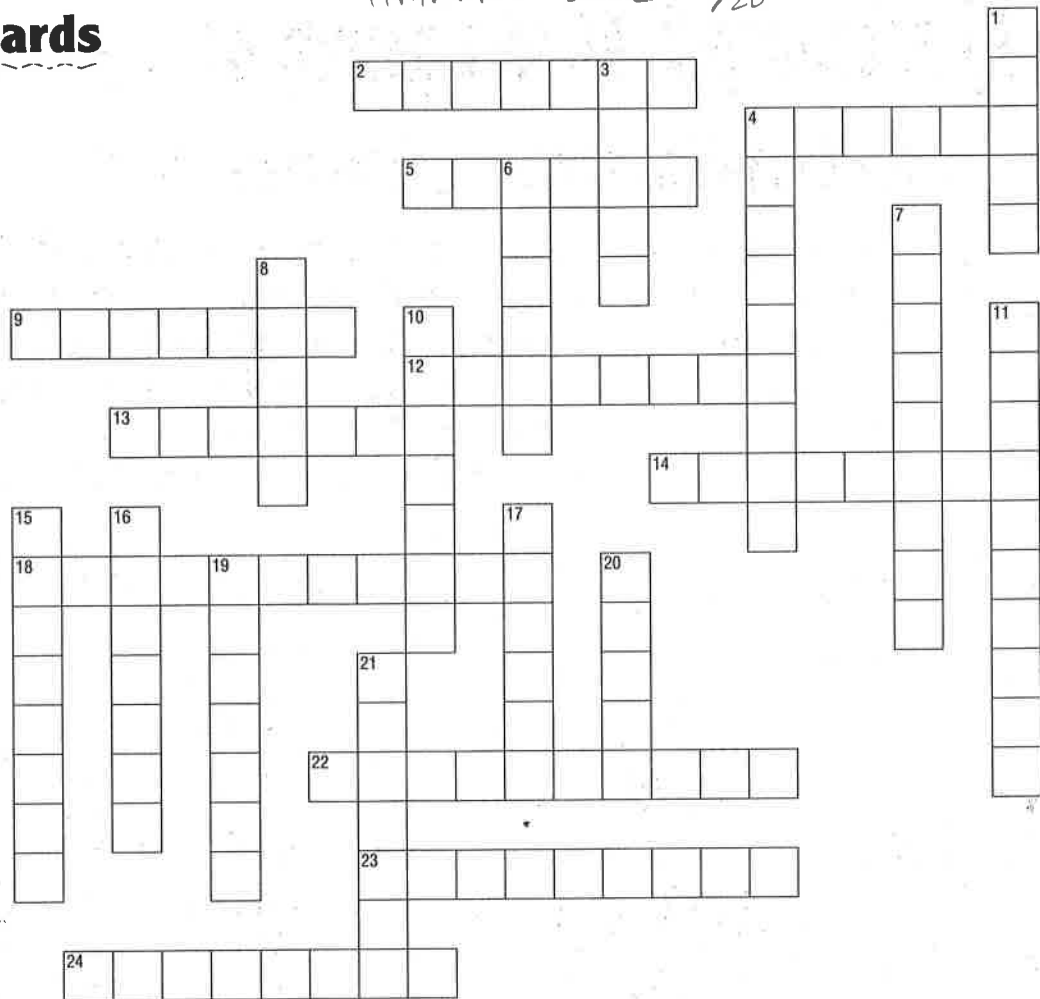
NATURAL HAZARDS: Australia and Oceania

- Tropical storm tracks
- Volcanoes
- Earthquakes
- ⋯ Tsunamis (tidal waves)
- ▨ Areas subject to desertification

DID YOU KNOW?

Australia is the world's smallest continent and also the driest. A greater part of Australia is desert than that of any other continent. In fact, only 6% of Australia's land can be used to grow crops.

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Across

- 2 This is a kind of mountain that erupts.
- 4 An earthquake hit near this city on the North Island of New Zealand.
- 5 The city of Perth has this dry hazard nearby.
- 9 Northeast of Australia are the _____ Islands, which have earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis.
- 12 This city in South Australia is near an area of desert.
- 13 There is much desert in _____ Australia.
- 14 An earthquake hit this city in South Island of New Zealand.
- 18 One tropical storm path heads right towards this Australia town.
- 22 In this northeastern state of Australia, there have been no volcanoes or earthquakes.
- 23 The only country with desert hazards on this map.
- 24 This island south of Australia is quite close to the iceberg line.

Down

- 1 The most northern desert area is near which city in Northern Australia?
- 3 Which island of New Zealand has more volcanoes?
- 4 Most tropical storms come from which direction?
- 6 This city in New South Wales had an earthquake nearby.
- 7 An earthquake occurred off the southern tip of this island, New _____.
- 8 Both the North Island and the _____ Island of New Zealand have had earthquakes.
- 10 These islands near New Caledonia have had many volcanoes erupt nearby.
- 11 The sudden movement of the earth's crust is called an _____.
- 15 Powerful storms that come from the northeast are called _____ storms.
- 16 If you sailed south from Australia you might hit what floating hazard?
- 17 Western Australia borders which ocean?
- 19 This map shows natural _____.
- 20 Many tropical storms blow onto Australia from the _____ Sea.
- 21 This is another name for a tidal wave.