Finn’s Earth Shakers Activity

Learning objective: To understand that an earthquake is a natural event where the ground shakes and to identify how to stay safe.

Finn the dolphin has been exploring the world's geography and wants to help you learn about earthquakes. Look at the sentences below. Decide if each one is 'True' or 'False'. If you think a sentence is false, write one sentence explaining why it is not correct.

Word bank: earthquake · shaking · ground · safety · drop · cover · hold

1. An earthquake happens when the ground starts to shake. (True/False) (2 marks)

2. During an earthquake, it is best to run outside quickly while the ground is moving. (True/False) (2 marks)

3. If you are indoors, you should 'Drop, Cover, and Hold on' under a sturdy table. (True/False) (2 marks)

4. Earthquakes are caused by people jumping up and down at the same time. (True/False) (2 marks)

5. Earthquakes are a natural event that happens in the world. (True/False) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of yourself following the 'Drop, Cover, and Hold' safety rule under a sturdy desk to stay safe during an earthquake.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a scientist like Nova. Write a short list of three items you would keep in an 'Emergency Kit' bag to help your family if the electricity goes out after an earthquake.