

# 16 NEWSPAPER VOCABULARY

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# 1. Pulverize

**Verb**

- **Meaning:**

To reduce to very small particles by crushing or grinding

- **Sentence:**

- More than 1,400 people were killed and thousands injured on Monday when a huge earthquake struck central Turkiye and northwest Syria, pulverising apartment blocks

# 2. Heap

**Verb, Noun**

- **Meaning:**

  - A messy pile of things

  - To put things into a large, untidy pile

- **Sentence:**

  - heaping more destruction on Syrian cities already devastated by years of war.

# 3. Rubble

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

A pile of broken bricks and stones

- **Sentence:**

- rescue workers were struggling to pull casualties from rubble in bitter weather.

# 4. Debris

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

The remains of something that has been destroyed

- **Sentence:**

- dozens of rescue workers searching through a mound of debris, all that was left of a big building,

# 5. Haul off

**Phrasal verb**

- **Meaning:**

To take someone or something to somewhere

- **Sentence:**

- hauling off bits of wreckage as they looked for survivors.

# 6. Billowing

**Adjective**

- **Meaning:**

Spreading over a large area

- **Sentence:**

- Footage circulated on Twitter showed two neighbouring buildings collapsing one after the other in Syria's Aleppo, filling the street with billowing dust.

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# 7. Apocalypse

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

Final destruction of the world

- **Sentence:**

- Abdul Salam al Mahmoud, a Syrian in the town of Atareb, said it felt “like the apocalypse”.



# 8. Sleet

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

Rain containing some ice

- **Sentence:**

- Syrian state television showed footage of rescue teams searching for survivors in heavy rain and sleet.

# 9. Tremor

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

A shaken movement

- **Sentence:**

- Tremors were felt in the Turkish capital of Ankara, 460km northwest of the epicentre, and in Cyprus, where police reported no damage.

# 10. Condolatory

**Adjective**

- **Meaning:**

Offering condolence

- **Sentence:**

- Erdogan thanked PM Shehbaz for the condolatory call and for offering support, saying that he valued the sentiments of the prime minister as well as the Pakistani people.

# 11. Solidarity

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

Unity

- **Sentence:**

- Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said he had spoken to his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu “in solidarity and to offer condolences”.

# 12. Bereaved

**Adjective**

- **Meaning:**

Someone who is suffering the death of a loved ones

- **Sentence:**

- We extend our deepest condolences to the bereaved families and pray for early recovery of those injured,” it said.

# 13. Resilient

**Adjective**

- **Meaning:**

Able to recover early

- **Sentence:**

- We are confident that the resilient Turkish nation will overcome this natural calamity

# 14. Grit

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

Courage, strength

- **Sentence:**

- We are confident that the resilient Turkish nation will overcome this natural calamity with characteristic grit and determination.”

# 15. Quake

**Noun, Verb**

- **Meaning:**

To shake, tremble

- **Sentence:**

- the FO reiterated Pakistan's support to Turkiye, adding that the news of the quake was received by the people with "deep sorrow and anguish".



# 16. Rehabilitation

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

The process of returning to a good healthy way of life

- **Sentence:**

- Pakistan also assured Turkiye it will continue to work with it in the “post-disaster rehabilitation and reconstruction phases” after the immediate relief effort.

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