

Daily News Articleをご利用の方へ：レッスン受講前に下記をご覧ください。

1. Daily News Articleについて
2. ディスカッションに関するアドバイス

Presidents are taking longer to declare major natural disasters. For some, the wait is agonizing

[印刷用画面を開く](#)

Posted October 7, 2025
Category: Top Stories

Listening



Tutor Preparations

Useful Links:

About Disaster Assistance in the U.S.: <https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/disaster-assistance-and-emergency-relief-for-individuals-and-businesses>

Related Articles:

<https://www.govexec.com/management/2025/06/cuts-fema-and-other-agencies-will-lead-slow-disaster-response-former-administrator-says/406362/>

<https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/us-emergency-agency-fema-should-be-eliminated-it-exists-today-noem-says-2025-07-09/>

Warm-up (2-3 minutes)

Ask the warm-up questions below.

- Does your government give help to people after natural disasters?
Does your government act quickly after a disaster?

Unlocking Word Meanings (3-4 minutes)

Have the student read the words, definitions, and example sentences below. Confirm their understanding. Use the additional info only when necessary.

1. **tear apart** / **teər ə ˈpɑːrt** / [tair uh-PAHRT] (phrasal v.) – to destroy something completely
Example: The strong wind **tore apart** the old roof of the house.
Additional info: This phrase also follows the form **tear (something) apart**.
2. **unhurt** / **ʌn ˈhɜːrt** / [uhn-HURT] (adj.) – not hurt or injured
Example: Everyone ran from the fire quickly and came out **unhurt**.
Additional info: This adjective is not often used before a noun.
3. **reel** / **riːl** / [reel] (v.) – to feel shocked, confused, upset, or unable to react because of something that happened
Example: After knowing he lost his job, Tom was **reeling** from the bad news and didn't know what to do next.
Additional info: This verb sometimes follows the form **reel + from/with (something)**.
4. **lodging** / **ˈlɒdʒ ɪŋ** / [LOJ-ing] (n.) – a place to stay, like a room or small house, usually for a short time
Example: We found **lodging** near the beach for our vacation.
Additional info: Some related nouns are **hotel** and **shelter**.
5. **hamper** / **ˈhæm pər** / [HAM-pər] (v.) – to make something, like an action, movement, or progress, slower or more difficult
Example: Bad traffic and heavy rains **hamper** students trying to get to school on time.
Additional info: A related word is **prevent**.

Article (5-7 minutes)

Have the student read the article aloud. For the comprehension questions, you may ask them:

- (a) As the student reads the article. Tell them ahead of time when to pause.
- (b) After the student finishes reading the whole article.

As an ominous storm approached Buddy Anthony's one-story brick home, he took shelter in his new Ford F-250 pickup truck parked underneath a nearby carport.

Seconds later, a tornado **tore apart** Anthony's home and damaged the truck while lifting it partly in the air. Anthony emerged **unhurt**. But he had to replace his vehicle with a used truck that became his home—the spot where he slept for weeks while waiting for President Donald Trump to issue a major disaster declaration so that federal money would be freed for individuals **reeling** from loss.

Q: What was Anthony waiting for President Trump to do for weeks?

A: To issue a major disaster declaration so that federal money would be freed for individuals reeling from loss.

Disaster survivors such as Anthony are having to wait longer to get aid from the federal government, according to a new Associated Press (AP) analysis of decades of data. On average, it took less than two weeks for a governor's request for a presidential disaster declaration to be granted in the 1990s and early 2000s. That rose to about three weeks during the past decade under presidents from both major parties. It's taking more than a month, on average, during Trump's current term, the AP found.

The delays mean individuals must wait to receive federal aid for daily living expenses, temporary **lodging** and home repairs. Delays in disaster declarations can also **hamper** recovery efforts by local officials who are uncertain whether they will



Self Study とは

Search [タイトルから検索](#)

Font size [文字サイズ](#)

Archives [アーカイブ](#)

[September 2025](#) (26)

[August 2025](#) (31)

[July 2025](#) (31)

[June 2025](#) (30)

[May 2025](#) (31)

[April 2025](#) (30)

[March 2025](#) (31)

[February 2025](#) (28)

[January 2025](#) (31)

[December 2024](#) (31)

[November 2024](#) (30)

[October 2024](#) (31)

[September 2024](#) (30)

[August 2024](#) (31)

[July 2024](#) (31)

[June 2024](#) (30)

[May 2024](#) (31)

[April 2024](#) (30)

[March 2024](#) (31)

[February 2024](#) (29)

[January 2024](#) (31)

[December 2023](#) (31)

[November 2023](#) (30)

[October 2023](#) (31)

[September 2023](#) (30)

[August 2023](#) (31)

[July 2023](#) (31)

[June 2023](#) (30)

[May 2023](#) (31)

[April 2023](#) (30)

[March 2023](#) (31)

[February 2023](#) (28)

[January 2023](#) (31)

[December 2022](#) (31)

[November 2022](#) (30)

[October 2022](#) (31)

[September 2022](#) (30)

[August 2022](#) (31)

[July 2022](#) (31)

[June 2022](#) (30)

[May 2022](#) (31)

[April 2022](#) (30)

[March 2022](#) (31)

[February 2022](#) (28)

[January 2022](#) (32)

[December 2021](#) (31)

[November 2021](#) (30)

[October 2021](#) (31)

[September 2021](#) (30)

[August 2021](#) (31)

[July 2021](#) (31)

[June 2021](#) (30)

[May 2021](#) (31)

[April 2021](#) (30)

[March 2021](#) (31)

[February 2021](#) (28)

receive federal reimbursement for cleaning up debris and rebuilding infrastructure.

Q: What do the delays mean for individuals?

A: (They) mean individuals must wait to receive federal aid for daily living expenses, temporary lodging, and home repairs.

Mississippi’s governor requested a federal disaster declaration on April 1. Trump granted that request 50 days later, on May 21, while approving aid for both individuals and public entities.

On that same day, Trump also approved eight other major disaster declarations for storms, floods or fires in seven other states. In most cases, more than a month had passed since the requests and about two months since the date of those disasters.

“We couldn’t figure out why the president took so long to help people in this country,” said Jayess resident Dana Grimes.

This article was provided by The Associated Press.

Q: What did Dana Grimes say they couldn’t figure out?

A: “We couldn’t figure out why the president took so long to help people in this country,” (she said).

Summary (optional)

Ask the question below to check if the student can summarize the article.

What was the article about?

Viewpoint Discussion (9-13 minutes)

Have a discussion with the student using the questions below. Be sure to ask follow-up questions to make the student produce more. You do NOT have to ask all the questions.

Discussion A

- The article says disaster survivors are waiting longer to get federal aid than in the past. How do you think long delays in aid affect people emotionally and socially, not just financially? Discuss.
- In the 1990s and early 2000s, it took less than two weeks for a disaster declaration, but now it can take more than a month. Why do you think decision-making has become slower over the years? Do you think speed is more important than careful evaluation in disaster response? Why? Discuss.

Discussion B

- Mississippi’s governor waited 50 days before the president approved disaster aid. Do you think slow action from leaders can change how citizens view their government? How much trust should people place in government leaders when disasters happen? Discuss.
- Aside from disasters, in what other situations do you think a quick government response is important (ex. health emergencies, crime)? How do you feel about how your government handles these situations? Discuss.

Category: [Top Stories](#)

- [January 2021](#) (31)
- [December 2020](#) (31)
- [November 2020](#) (30)
- [October 2020](#) (31)
- [September 2020](#) (30)
- [August 2020](#) (31)
- [July 2020](#) (31)
- [June 2020](#) (30)
- [May 2020](#) (31)
- [April 2020](#) (30)
- [March 2020](#) (31)
- [February 2020](#) (29)
- [January 2020](#) (31)
- [December 2019](#) (31)
- [November 2019](#) (30)
- [October 2019](#) (31)
- [September 2019](#) (30)
- [August 2019](#) (31)
- [July 2019](#) (31)
- [June 2019](#) (30)
- [May 2019](#) (31)
- [April 2019](#) (30)
- [March 2019](#) (31)
- [February 2019](#) (28)
- [January 2019](#) (31)
- [December 2018](#) (31)
- [November 2018](#) (30)
- [October 2018](#) (31)
- [September 2018](#) (30)
- [August 2018](#) (31)
- [July 2018](#) (31)
- [June 2018](#) (30)
- [May 2018](#) (31)
- [April 2018](#) (30)
- [March 2018](#) (31)
- [February 2018](#) (28)
- [January 2018](#) (31)
- [December 2017](#) (31)
- [November 2017](#) (30)
- [October 2017](#) (31)
- [September 2017](#) (30)
- [August 2017](#) (31)
- [July 2017](#) (31)
- [June 2017](#) (30)
- [May 2017](#) (31)
- [April 2017](#) (30)
- [March 2017](#) (15)

Categories [カテゴリ](#)

- [Business](#)
- [Education/Family](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Human Interest](#)
- [Lifestyle/Entertainment](#)
- [Science/Environment](#)
- [Sports](#)
- [Technology/Innovations](#)
- [Top Stories](#)

Audio [音声ファイル \(週別\)](#)

- [September 25, 2025 - October 1, 2025](#)
- [September 18, 2025 - September 24, 2025](#)
- [September 11, 2025 - September 17, 2025](#)
- [September 4, 2025 - September 10, 2025](#)
- [August 28, 2025 - September 3, 2025](#)

[> 全ての音声ファイル](#)

Popular Article [人気記事](#)

- [Australian Swimmer to Lead New Committee for Athlete Well-Being](#)
- [Conservationist and Designer Announce New Underwater Research Center](#)
- [Finance Employees Banned from Davtime Drinking](#)

Common Way of Cooking Rice Can be Dangerous

Study Reveals How Cats Spread Globally



初めての方へ

体験レッスンとは
講師について
大切にしていること
ご利用者の声
教材について

サービス

日常英会話コース
ビジネス英会話コース
カリキュラム
スピーキングテスト
カウンセリング

ご利用に関して

料金プラン
ご利用の流れ
よくあるご質問
法人のお客様へ
教育機関関係のお客様へ

レッスン予約

会員登録 (無料)



会社情報

[情報セキュリティ方針](#) [個人情報保護宣言](#) [利用規約](#) [特定商取引法に基づく表示](#) [サイトマップ](#) [運営会社](#) [採用情報](#) [お問い合わせ](#)

RareJob Daily News Article © 2025 RareJob, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

