

What's happening in the news?



Let's have a look at the poster

Turkey and Syria Earthquake



What has happened in Turkey and Syria?



Let's look at the story



Emergency services are continuing to help people in southern Turkey and Syria after two earthquakes. The first struck in the early hours of Monday morning, followed a few hours later by a second earthquake in the same region.

Help is being offered from all around the world, with over 60 countries sending aid, including food, medicine, shelter supplies as well as specialist teams to help the rescue effort.



Learn more about this story [here](#).

Watch the useful video [here](#).



Look at the information below to learn more about the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

What has happened?

The two massive earthquakes affecting Turkey and Syria have had a huge impact on the countries. At least 2,800 buildings are thought to have been destroyed and schools in 10 cities are to be shut for a week to keep people safe. Many airports have been closed as well. The earthquakes were also felt in other countries, including Cyprus, Lebanon and Israel.



Pictured above: The location of the two earthquakes

Pictured below: Frida the rescue dog



Source: Mexican Navy

Who is helping?

National governments of many countries including the UK, the US, China and Russia are providing aid, including search and rescue experts. Many charities are also launching appeals and send in teams to the area.

Mexico has sent some of its famous search and rescue dogs to Turkey. A yellow Labrador Retriever named Frida gained international fame when she was seen wearing protective goggles and boots.



Read through the information below to learn more about what an earthquake is.

What is an earthquake?

Earthquakes occur when two or more pieces of the Earth's crust or outer layers rub up against each other, causing friction. The points where they meet are called fault lines, or faults. Although Monday's earthquakes were very large, smaller ones are common in Turkey and Syria.

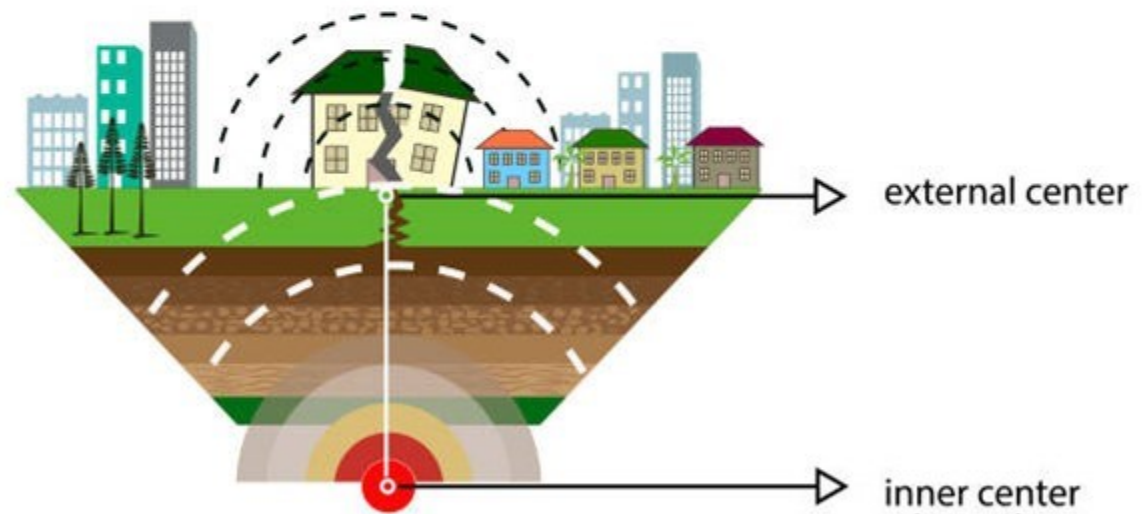
Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Authority recorded over 22,000 in 2022.

How are earthquakes measured?

Earthquakes are measured on a scale called the **moment magnitude scale**. A tremor of 2.5 or less usually cannot be felt, but can be detected by instruments.

Earthquakes of up to 5 are felt and cause minor damage.

The two Turkish earthquakes measured at 7.8 and 7.5, are classified as 'major' and usually causes serious damage.



Pictured above: Where an earthquake comes from



Main question

What has happened in Turkey and Syria?

 **Listen**  **Think**  **Share**

- > Look at the poster image and talk about the recent news regarding the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.
- > Read through the news story and discuss how difficult life could be for people living there at the moment.
- > Read the information found on Resource 1 and watch the useful video, which provides further details about the two earthquakes and about what other countries are doing to help during this time.
- > Resource 2 provides more information about earthquakes. Talk about what life might be like living somewhere where earthquakes are always a possibility.
- > People all around the world are doing all they can to help. Even though we are in a different country, can you think of ways that we could help people there? Look at the work of charities such as the British Red Cross, Save the Children and UK-Med.

Useful Weblinks

- > News story:
www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-64553936
- > Useful video:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ki4-DOWmEKg