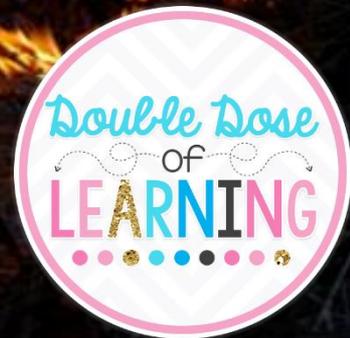


# Wildfires



# What is a Wildfire?

A wildfire is a large and out of control fire. It occurs in forests. At first, they might go undetected because of their location. Wildfires spread very quickly and cause a lot of harm to the environment.



# Causes



There are many different reasons for wildfires.

Sadly, many wildfires are caused by people. Other causes of wildfires include lightning, **volcano eruption**, heat waves and **droughts**.



**drought**

# What is a drought?

A drought occurs when there is no rain in an area for a length of time. Droughts can last for months or years. The land becomes very dry. Droughts cause harm to the environment.



# Characteristics

- Fueled by oxygen and heat
- Uncontrolled
- Spreads quickly
- Destructive



# Destruction



Wildfires cause a lot of **destruction** due to their large size and that they go unnoticed. Wildfires cause devastating loss of environment such as trees and animal homes. They also cause **destruction** of houses. People and animals can lose their lives.

# Interesting Facts

- Wildfires mostly occur in the United States of America and Canada.
- Wildfires are also called, "Forest Fires".
- Trees can explode if water inside the tree turns into steam very quickly!
- The largest wildfire was in 1825. It tore through Maine and parts of Canada. It burned over 3 million acres of land.

