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and serious injuries (9) _____ about when buildings collapse.

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| (1) | nature | natural | native | naturalistic |
| (2) | hit | strike | fall | attack |
| (3) | fatality | waste | harm | loss |
| (4) | overwhelming | disturbing | devastating | destructive |
| (5) | certainty | honesty | truth | fact |
| (6) | liveliness | force | influence | command |
| (7) | potential | capable | conceivable | possible |
| (8) | vast | wide | broad | full |
| (9) | bring | come | lay | make |
| (10) | escape | divert | abandon | discard |
| (11) | compound | composite | complex | complicated |
| (12) | design | configuration | formation | structure |
| (13) | shape | figure | character | spirit |
| (14) | keys | reasons | causes | factors |
| (15) | settlers | citizens | inhabitants | natives |

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(30)	settlers	citizens	inhabitants	natives