**Dictation: A natural disaster in Myanmar**

A strong tropical cyclone caused the worst natural disaster in the history of Myanmar. It happened in April and May 2008. The cyclone was called Nargis. It took seven days between the formation and the dissipation. At least 138,000 people were killed. Experts estimate a higher death toll. Many more people were injured. A lot of people lost their belongings. Damage was estimated at over ten billion dollars. Many bridges, buildings and roads were destroyed. The military rulers of the country slowed down international help in the aftermath. They wanted to solve the problems on their own. The country accepted the help of many international organizations later on. The Canadian government spent more than two million dollars in emergency relief. The biggest help came from the United States of America, Australia and the People’s Republic of China.