

Answer the following questions !

At what time of year do hurricanes mostly occur ? _____

A hurricane is an area of _____ pressure.

How strong must a storm be to officially become a hurricane? _____

What happens in the middle of a hurricane? _____

Which paths do hurricanes take a) in the northern hemisphere _____

b) in the southern hemisphere _____

How do hurricanes get their names? _____

What kind of damage can a hurricane cause? _____

What is a hurricane watch? _____

Name some things you can do to protect yourself from a hurricane:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

Why was most of New Orleans destroyed by Hurricane Katrina? _____

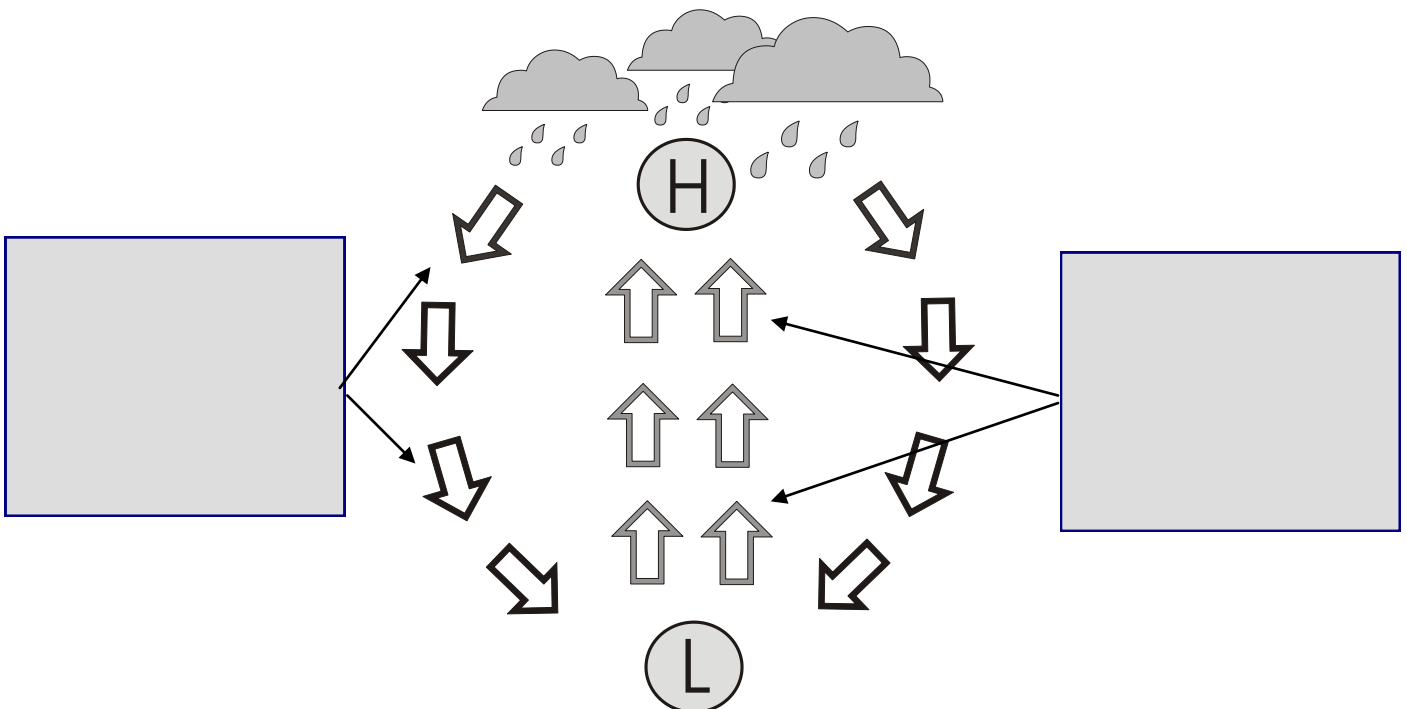
Match the words with the definitions !

A	authorities		a special wall that is built to stop flooding from a river
B	record		to set up and make ready to work
C	levee		half of the earth
D	escape		place where ships or boats are fixed to land
E	disaster		people or organisations that have the power to make decisions
F	hemisphere		to send out a radio or TV programme
G	moist		place where land and water come together
H	calm		happen
I	broadcast		to write down information
J	coastal		a material made of many layers of wood that makes it strong
K	dock		wet
L	evacuate		something that happens by surprise and causes a lot of damage
M	plywood		to bring people away from a dangerous place
N	property		quiet, smooth
O	occur		to get away from a dangerous place
P	install		your house and the land that is on it

True or false ?

	T	F
The eye of a hurricane has the strongest winds.		
Hurricanes come from the Caribbean Sea and move northwest towards the Gulf coast.		
When hurricanes hit land they lose some of their energy		
One year hurricanes only get male names and the next year only female names.		
The same names are used every year.		
In Australia hurricanes are called willy-willes.		
Hurricanes often cause a rise in sea level near the coast.		
All hurricanes begin as tropical storms.		
In the northern hemisphere the air around a hurricanes moves in a clockwise direction		
A hurricane watch tells you that a hurricane may come to your area.		

Write into the boxes what happens when a tropical storm starts !



Complete the text on Hurricane Katrina by filling in the correct words from the box at the bottom!

Hurricane Katrina was one of the most powerful _____ that has ever been _____ in the Atlantic Ocean. A week after it had formed it hit New Orleans and _____ most of the city.

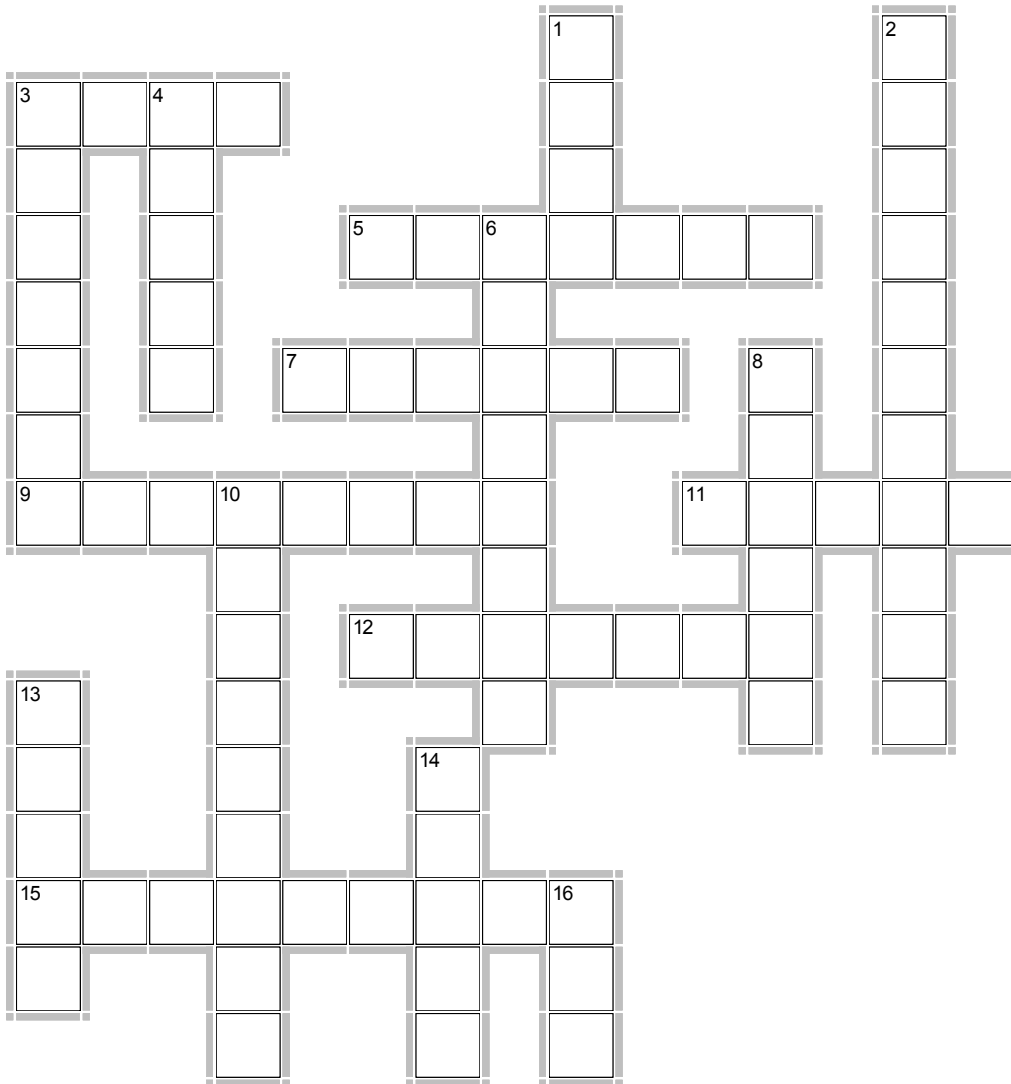
New Orleans lies in a _____ area because it is in the middle of _____ routes and the _____ river also flows through the city. In the past years _____ have been built to _____ the city from flooding and pumps were made to _____ the water away.

When Katrina hit New Orleans it brought along _____ rainfall and parts of the levee _____. Most of the city's _____ was _____ and a few thousand were able to reach the _____. About a hundred thousand people, mostly _____ ones could not leave the city. They had no _____ and water for many days. Chaos _____ through most parts of the town and _____ went up.

The city _____ were not well-prepared for the _____. There were almost no plans to get people out of the city. President Bush waited for four days before he _____ the area. Thousands of people died in one of the biggest catastrophes in American _____.

authorities	evacuated	Mississippi	storms
broke	flooded	population	Superdome
dangerous	heavy	poorer	violence
disaster	history	protect	visited
drain	hurricane	sighted	
electricity	levees	spread	

Crossword



Across

- 3. very quiet, smooth
- 5. name for a hurricane in Asia
- 7. to pull a tree or plant out of the ground
- 9. to bring people away from a dangerous place to where it is safe
- 11. to make water move away from something
- 12. name of a powerful hurricane that hit New Orleans in 2005
- 15. stadium in New Orleans

Down

- 1. route
- 2. river that flows through New Orleans
- 3. low pressure area in which winds start to rotate
- 4. special wall that is built to stop flooding from a river
- 6. your house and the land it is on
- 8. to move to other places
- 10. sea between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean
- 13. another word for wet
- 14. when water covers land
- 16. the centre of a hurricane