

NATURAL DISASTERS

1) Read the text

HURRICANES

A hurricane (or tropical cyclone) is a circular air movement over the warm ocean waters (at least 26.5°C) in the warm part of Earth near the equator. Most hurricanes create strong winds and heavy rains. While some hurricanes stay out in the sea, others pass over land, which can be dangerous because they can cause a lot of damage.

The same tropical storms are known as cyclones in the northern Indian Ocean and typhoons in the western Pacific Ocean.

The Atlantic Ocean's hurricane season occurs from August to November. There are five or six hurricanes per year. Better technology allows scientists predict future hurricanes. Warnings can be given to residents so they can prepare their property for the storm and/or evacuate the area.

When hurricanes come into land, the heavy rain, strong winds and heavy waves can damage buildings, trees and cars. Once a hurricane moves onto the land it begins to lose energy.

2) Answer these questions

- a- Do hurricanes form in warm or cold water?
- b- Are cyclones and typhoons the same natural disaster? Explain
- c- Can scientists predict the hurricanes?
- d- Where are hurricanes stronger? In the ocean or on land?
- e- Where are hurricanes more dangerous? In the ocean or on land?

3) Read the definitions and write the name of the natural disaster

- a- Gigantic waves that occur after an earthquake or volcanic eruption:
- b- They usually occur when storms cause rivers to overflow:
- c- A spinning tube of air that touches the ground and a cloud above:
- d- It happens when there are many burning trees:
- e- It's caused by the movement of the earth's plates:

4) The table below contains words that have been chopped in half. Match them and write the answers on the lines provided

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TEC
RA
LAN
WIN

DSLIDE
EAN
DS
TONIC
IN

5) Complete the blanks with some of the words from the activity above

- a- Heavy _____ causes floods.
- b- Tsunamis are giant waves in the _____
- c- A _____ is a large amount of earth and rocks that quickly moves down a slope.
- d- The movement of the _____ plates can cause volcanic eruptions or earthquakes.
- e- The _____ of a tornado can reach speeds of up to 480km/h.

6) Identify the pictures with a natural disaster

