

Hurricane in Jamaica

I was staying with my aunt and uncle in Jamaica when the hurricane came. They've lived in Jamaica all their lives so they know about hurricanes. I, on the other hand, was born in Britain because my parents came here when they were first married. They bought a house in London, found work, and my sister and I were born a few years later. Our parents always tell wonderful stories about Jamaica and we go there as often as we can. We love staying with our aunt and uncle in the north of the island. Last year, my sister started university and my parents were busy working, so they said I could go on my own, which meant the visit was even more exciting than usual.

I went in December, because between October and mid-December the weather isn't as hot, but it's still lovely. However, it's also the hurricane season during those months, so you have to watch out for that. Luckily, my aunt and uncle heard the warning on the radio before I arrived, and as a result, there was already lots of extra food and drink in the house. I was glad about that, as one of my favourite things about being in Jamaica is the food!

As soon as we saw the first signs of the hurricane, we closed the windows and the doors, and then we waited. The storm was a Category 1 hurricane, with heavy rain and winds of about 125 km/h. I played games and chatted with my cousins to pass the time, and we ate lots of food. But I remember the sound of the wind crashing around the house, day and night, and I felt quite scared. My aunt told me there was nothing to worry about and that they'd had worse storms than that, so I felt a bit better. While we waited, we listened to the news on the radio; there was some flooding on the roads and on farms, and some damage to buildings. The storm began on Monday, and then by Wednesday it was moving out to sea. So we weren't indoors for very long really, and afterwards, there was sunshine again!

1- Read the text and say if the sentences below are TRUE or FALSE.

- 1 The writer used to live in Jamaica. ☐
- 2 Her parents are always positive about their home country. ☐
- 3 The writer was worried about going to Jamaica this time. ☐
- 4 Most hurricanes in Jamaica take place at the end of the year. ☐
- 5 The storm surprised the writer and her family. ☐
- 6 The writer was afraid for the whole time. ☐
- 7 The rain flooded their house. ☐
- 8 The hurricane lasted for less than a week. ☐

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2- Complete the text with the words below. There are 2 extra words.

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I live on the coast and one of ¹ best views in the area is from my village and over the fields to the sea. Sometimes in the morning it's ² foggy to see very far, but when it's clear ³ , there's more to see than just fields and sea these days. Last year, the government built some wind turbines to produce electricity. Many people think they make the view uglier ⁴ it was before, but in my opinion they're a good thing. We're going to run ⁵ of fossil fuels eventually and in my opinion these machines are very elegant.