

Texas Strong

Hurricane Harvey, a category 4 Atlantic Ocean hurricane, was the first major hurricane to make landfall in the United States since 2005. It marked the end of a 12 year **span** in which no hurricanes made an arrival with such an **intensity** in this country. During a four day period, this slow moving storm system **meandered** over eastern Texas dumping, in some areas, more than 40 inches of rain. That is **equivalent** to a year's worth of rainfall in only 4 days.



Thanks to Harvey, the **catastrophic** flooding resulted in hundreds of thousands of flooded homes, **displaced** more than 30,000 people, and required more than 17,000 rescues. While Hurricane Harvey devastated many people's lives in Texas, it also **restored** hope with the outpouring of generosity and kindness from people all over the Lone Star State.

During this historic event, there were **countless** stories of heroism and compassion. For example, communities and strangers **rallied** together to help one another. They navigated through flooded streets using small motorized boats, kayaks, and even inflatable pool toys to assist stranded people. Another such example was Gallery Furniture, a Houston based furniture store, which opened two of its locations to help those who became instantly **homeless** by the flooding. They provided hot food and comfy beds for anyone in need. Finally, thousands of people were saved thanks to the combined hard work and **continuous** efforts of local police forces, fire fighters, the coast guard, and even good Samaritans. They worked around the clock not thinking of their own needs, but just those that needed their help.

In this time of crisis, Texans inspired their country and maybe even the world by being Texas strong.



Use the article above, "Texas Strong", and use context clue skills to answer the following questions.

1. What is a synonym to the word span from the passage?
 - a. Unmeasurable
 - b. Bridge
 - c. Time
 - d. Distance
2. What is the antonym to the word intensity from the passage?
 - a. Calmness
 - b. Power
 - c. Unimportant
 - d. Regular
3. What word or phrase helps the reader understand the meaning of meandered in the passage?
 - a. During a four day period
 - b. Slow moving
 - c. Storm system
 - d. Dumping
4. The word equivalent from the passage refers to something that is—
 - a. Not equal to
 - b. Unlike
 - c. Changeable
 - d. Similar
5. What does the word catastrophic mean in the passage?
 - a. A lot of damage
 - b. Large amount
 - c. Heavy rain
 - d. Quickly falling
6. What does the prefix *dis* mean in the word displaced in the passage?
 - a. Again
 - b. Against
 - c. Before
 - d. Not
7. Read the following dictionary entry for the word restored below.

Restored /re stor/

1. To bring back a custom or practice
2. To return something or someone to a former condition
3. To repair or fix something
4. To give back something stolen

Which word best matches the way the word restored was used?

- a. Definition 1
- b. Definition 2
- c. Definition 3
- d. Definition 4

8. What does the suffix *less* mean in the words homeless and countless from the passage?
- a. Full of
 - b. Without
 - c. Able to
 - d. The most
9. What does the word rallied mean in the passage?
- a. Recover
 - b. Come together
 - c. Separate
 - d. Fight
10. What word has a similar meaning to the word continuous?
- a. Every few hours
 - b. Once in a while
 - c. Not stopping
 - d. Stopping