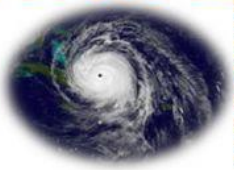
Natural Disasters (Hurricane)



Read the passage carefully.

A hurricane is a huge storm that forms over the ocean. Hurricanes usually last for over a week, gaining strength as they travel over the warm water. When they hit land, they bring strong rain and winds. Hurricanes can damage buildings and trees. They can cause flooding as well. Most hurricanes occur during Fall months since they are formed in warmer waters. The season officially starts on June 1 and ends on November 30. Two of the worst hurricanes that hit Jamaica were hurricane Charlie in 1951 and hurricane Gilbert in 1988. If a hurricane is coming, it is best to leave the area and go to a safer location. You must stay inside during a hurricane.

Answer each question using a complete sentence.

1. What is a hurricane?

2. How long do hurricanes last?

3. How do hurricanes gain strength?

4. What happens when a hurricane hits land?

5. When do most hurricanes occur?

6. Which two hurricanes greatly affected Jamaica and what year did they occur?

7. What safety measures must you take in the event of a hurricane?

CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

1. Research and identify any two hurricanes that hit Jamaica since 2000 to present. Remember to give the dates.

2. In a few sentences, identify the damage that occurred as a result of the hurricanes.