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## HURRICANE KATRINA

Hurricane Katrina began on August 23, 2005. It was a big storm. It had strong winds. It was one of the biggest storms in history.

Many people were told to leave their homes. They were told to go to other cities. Some people were able to leave. They had cars and other ways to get away from the path of the storm.

Other people did not have cars or ways to leave. Some could not leave other people behind. Others were afraid for their homes or animals. They hoped that they would be safe.

People helped each other if they could. During and after the storm, groups of people came to help.

Hurricane Katrina was a strong storm. It was worse than people thought it would be. It caused major damage from winds and floods. People were not safe. Water was all over the city. The wind blew houses away. It blew cars down the street. Many stores were gone.

### STORY QUESTIONS

1. An **antonym** is a word that means the opposite. What is an antonym for *safe*?
  - a. unsafe
  - b. careful
  - c. gentle
2. Hurricanes have . . .
  - a. gentle breezes.
  - b. calm gusts of air.
  - c. powerful winds.
3. Which word best describes Hurricane Katrina?
  - a. strong
  - b. nice
  - c. gentle