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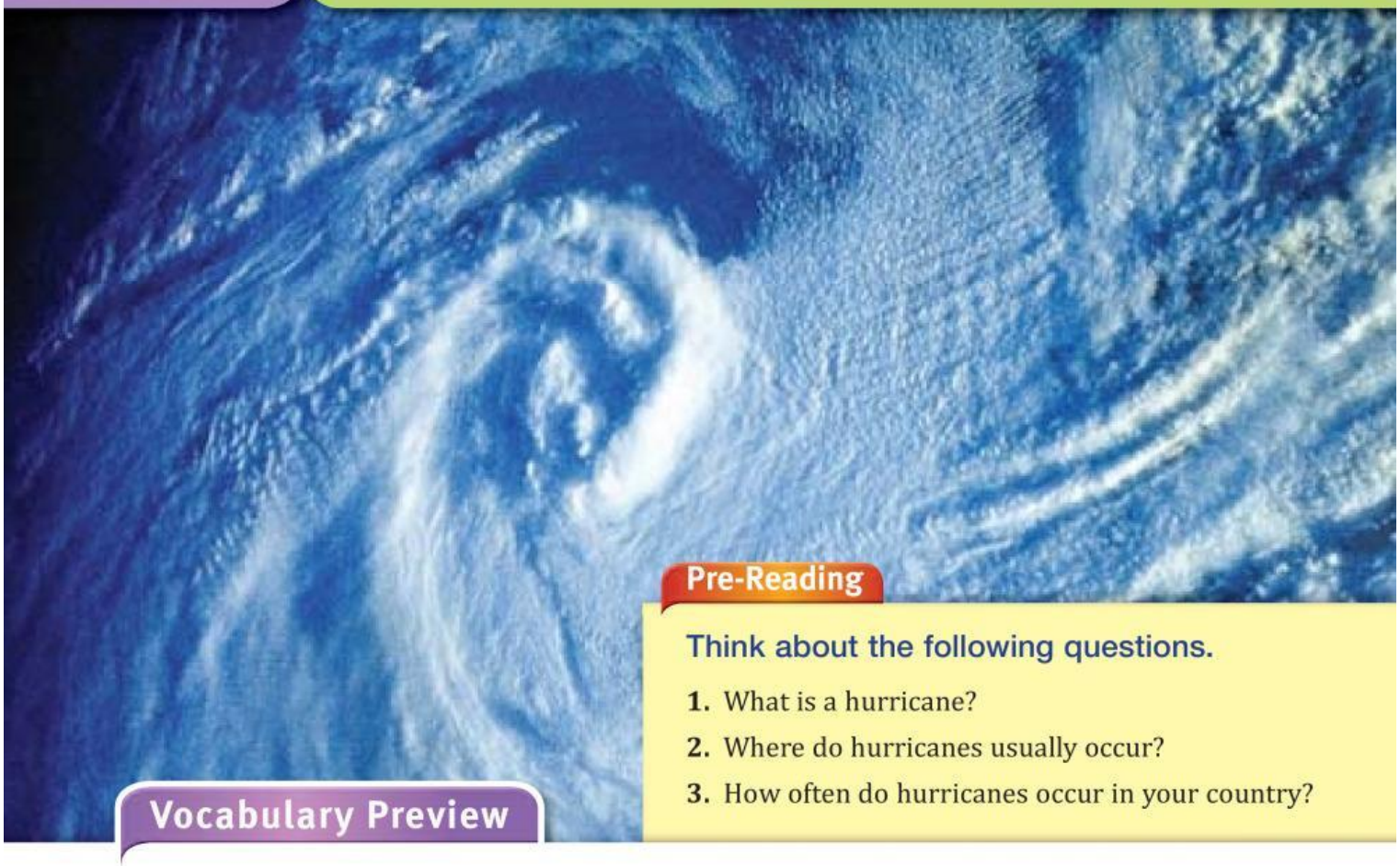

Pre-Reading

Think about the following questions.

1. What is a hurricane?
2. Where do hurricanes usually occur?
3. How often do hurricanes occur in your country?

Vocabulary Preview

Write the letter of the word or phrase with the same meaning as the underlined word.

a. almost the same; alike	d. big trouble
b. find	e. happen
c. facts	f. choose

1. ___ Strong winds can cause <u>danger</u>.
2. ___ People try to <u>detect</u> typhoons before they come to land.
3. ___ I need <u>information</u> about when the storm will begin.
4. ___ Typhoons often <u>occur</u> in summer.
5. ___ Hurricane Fred and Hurricane Gloria had <u>similar</u> wind speeds.
6. ___ We should <u>decide</u> what to call this typhoon.

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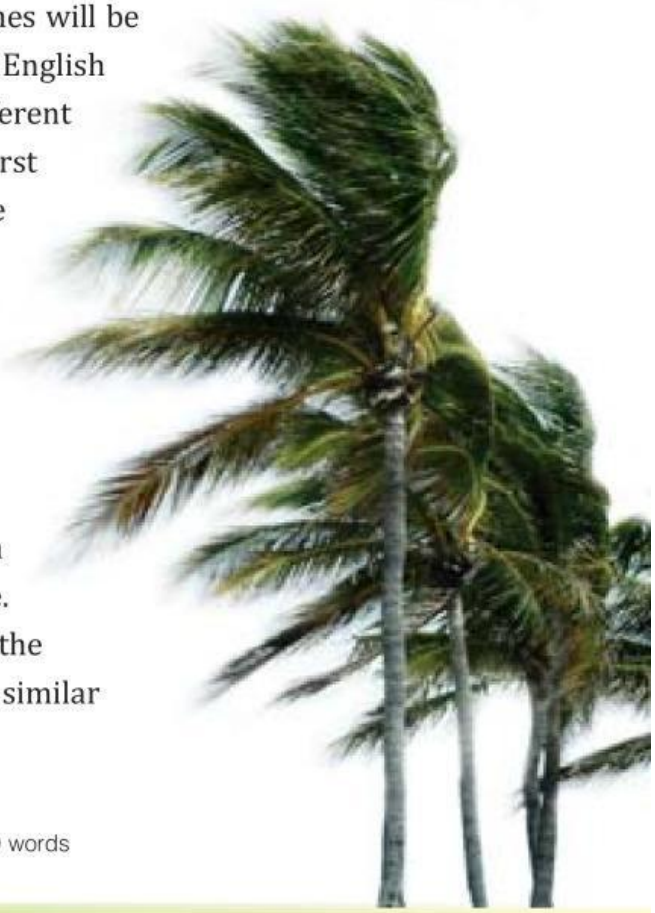
Track 5

Tropical cyclones are called typhoons in Asia and hurricanes in North and South America. These storms go around like a wheel turning to the left when they hit in the northern part of the world. They have wind speeds of 60 kph or more. In the United States, the Tropical **Prediction** Center in Miami, Florida keeps an eye out for hurricanes.

When **meteorologists** detect a hurricane, they give it a name. They can use either a male or female name. Why should tropical cyclones have names? The name makes it easier for people to keep up with information about a hurricane and its possible dangers.

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), an **international** weather group, decides what names will be used. The WMO makes lists of names using the English alphabet. Each name on the list starts with a different letter. The first hurricane of the year gets the first name on that year's list. The second hurricane gets the next name. For example, if the first hurricane is named Abel, the second might be named Betty. The name lists do not **include** names beginning with the letters Q, U, X, Y, and Z. There aren't many names that begin with these letters.

Asian countries use a different list, which is made up by the WMO's Typhoon **Committee**. This list has a few **personal** names, but most of the names are of flowers, animals, trees, and other similar things.



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1 *tropical*: related to a place that is always warm
4 *prediction*: a smart guess about the future
6 *meteorologist*: a scientist who studies the weather
11 *international*: in or from different countries
18 *include*: to have
23 *committee*: a group that decides things
24 *personal*: of, or pertaining to, a person

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Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is the main idea of this reading?

a. Why tropical cyclones are named
b. What tropical cyclones can do
c. How tropical cyclones are named
d. Who watches for tropical cyclones

2. In which direction do tropical cyclones go around in the northern part of the planet?

a. Down
b. The same direction as a clock
c. The opposite direction of a clock
d. Up

3. The fifth hurricane of 2015 might have the name _____.

a. Diana
b. Darren
c. Eric
d. Connie

4. Which name would a hurricane NOT have?

a. Rita
b. Veronica
c. William
d. Yanni

5. Why should tropical cyclones have names?

a. It sounds interesting.
b. The names help people.
c. The names are a code for the WMO.
d. It is traditional.

Idiomatic Expressions

Find these idioms in the reading.

- **keep an eye out for** [to watch for trouble or danger]
  Swimmers need to keep an eye out for sharks.
- **keep up with** [to continue getting useful information]
  It's hard to keep up with fashion these days.
- **make up** [to prepare something]
  I'll make up a new address list for the class.

Fill in the blank with one of the above idioms. Change its form if necessary.

1. I will _____ a list of questions to ask the travel agent.

2. She always _____ the latest music.

3. When you cross the street, _____ cars.

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Vocabulary and Idiom Review

A. Choose the best word or phrase to fill in the blank.

1. The teacher decides her students' grades _____ their test scores and homework.
   a. creating b. deciding c. according to d. naming

2. He often uses the Internet to get _____.
   a. information b. danger c. taste d. people

3. My house is very small. Surprisingly, it does not _____ a bathroom.
   a. keep up b. catch on c. list d. include

4. We named our dog George. Then we found out she was a _____ dog!
   a. female b. possible c. easy d. freezing

5. _____ countries like Singapore are hot all the time.
   a. Fantastic b. Male c. Tropical d. International

6. This street is very busy. You should _____ for cars when you walk across it.
   a. keep up with b. find out c. watch out d. check in

7. Hurricanes usually _____ in summer.
   a. occur b. go around c. make d. detect

B. Choose the correct form of the word to fill in the blank.

8. My sister and my mother have very _____ hairstyles.
   a. similarly b. similar c. similarity

9. I can't _____ the problem with my computer.
   a. detect b. detective c. detection

10. It is not _____ to swim here. This beach is very safe.
    a. danger b. dangerous c. dangerously

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