READING

A **Look at the photo.** What do you think the article is about?

a snow **b** storms **c** fires

WILD WEATHER!

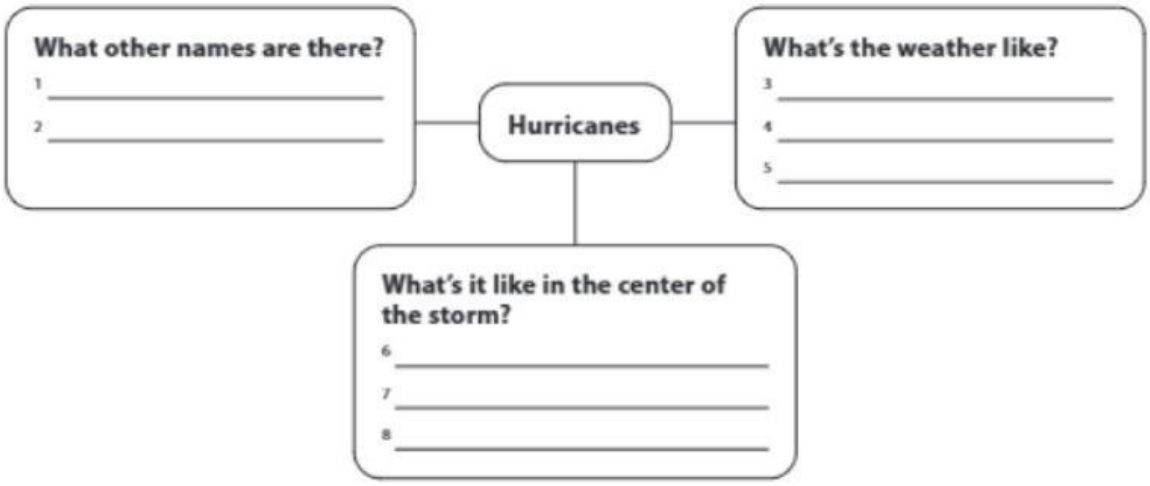

A hurricane hits the coast in Florida.

Hurricanes are unusual tropical storms. There are other names for hurricanes—like cyclones and typhoons. Hurricanes usually form in tropical areas and over warm oceans.

During a hurricane, there are often very strong winds, storms, and heavy rain. The winds are very powerful—sometimes over 250 kilometers an hour. In places like Spain, Japan, and Canada—which are all in the Northern Hemisphere—hurricane winds turn in one direction. In places like Brazil and Australia—which are in the Southern Hemisphere—they turn in the opposite direction. The hurricane winds also make tall, dangerous waves in the ocean.

Hurricanes sometimes last for only a few hours, but other times they last for many days. The center of the hurricane is called the eye. In the eye, the weather is usually very different. It's often calm, sometimes with no rain. Sometimes you can even see the sky!

B **Complete the word web.** Use words from the article.



C **EXAM PRACTICE** **Complete the summary.** Circle the correct answers.

Tropical storms are usually in [1] **cool / warm** areas. Hurricanes probably do NOT have [2] **ice / wind**. Tropical storms in the Southern Hemisphere turn in [3] **the same direction as / the opposite direction to** storms in the Northern Hemisphere.

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