

## HURRICANES - KEY

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1. At what time of year do hurricanes mostly occur ? **late summer and early autumn**
2. A hurricane is an area of **low** pressure.
3. How strong must a storm be to officially become a hurricane? **A Category 1 hurricane starts at 119 km/hour**
4. What happens in the middle of a hurricane? **a calm area with little rainfall**
5. Which part of the hurricane has the strongest winds? **the eyewall**
6. How do hurricanes rotate in the northern hemisphere? **counterclockwise**
7. How do hurricanes rotate in the southern hemisphere? **clockwise**
8. How do hurricanes get their names? **alphabetically, male and female names alternate**
9. What kind of damage can a Category 5 hurricane cause? **the most powerful hurricanes, can destroy houses and roofs, uproot trees**
10. What is a hurricane watch? **people are warned via TV and radio that a hurricane may hit within the next 24 hours**
11. Name some things you can do to protect yourself from a hurricane. **keep emergency supplies of water and food; battery powered radio; keep gas in your car tank; nail plywood over windows and doors; find out which roads to take in case of evacuation**
12. Why was most of New Orleans destroyed by Hurricane Katrina? **the city lies below sea level, and the Mississippi River flows through it**
13. Where were people evacuated during the storm ? **to other, safer areas; some escaped to the Superdome**
14. What happened in the days after the hurricane? **chaos; people broke into shops; increase of violence; people were trapped on rooftops**
15. Why was the government criticized during the catastrophe? **the city authorities and the government were not prepared; it took them very long to react**