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## THE HURRICANE

Terrance looked out the window. The sky was dark and full of storm clouds. The clouds were moving in circles. Lightning struck across the sky. Terrance was very scared. He looked at his parents. They were worried.

A hurricane was approaching. A hurricane is a huge storm that grows over the ocean. It can grow big enough to make dangerous winds and huge waves.

Terrance heard the wind. It was getting very loud. The wind chimes on the porch of the cottage were jingling. Hurricanes have winds that go 74 miles per hour or more. That is faster than many people drive on the highway!

Now, Terrance's father turned on the radio. The voice on the radio said that there was a hurricane warning. Terrance's mother said that they should go into the shelter to be safe. Terrance looked at the clouds one last time. They were black and swirling around. He turned away and ran into the shelter.

In the shelter, Terrance heard the wind howling. While they were waiting for the storm to pass, Terrance's father told him about hurricanes. Hurricanes form over the ocean from thunderstorms. Warm ocean water helps the thunderstorms grow into a hurricane. When the speed of the storm grows to 74 miles per hour, it becomes a hurricane. The clouds of a hurricane travel counter-clockwise around a hole in the center of the storm. This hole is called the eye of the hurricane.

The voice on the radio said that the hurricane was going away. Soon, it wouldn't be dangerous anymore. Hurricanes need moisture from the ocean to survive. Water is like the hurricane's food source. Hurricanes lose their power when they pass over land because there is less water.

After the hurricane went away, Terrance and his family left the shelter. Terrance saw the sun coming through the window. There were no more dark clouds. Thankfully, his house was not damaged by the fast winds of the hurricane. Terrance looked outside. A few trees had fallen in the street. He was happy that his family and his house were safe. He smiled.

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### QUESTIONS ABOUT HURRICANES

**Look over the story to answer these questions. Write your answers in the spaces.**

1. What makes hurricanes grow?

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2. What makes hurricanes lose their power?

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3. Complete: A hurricane has winds of \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour. The hole in the center of the hurricane is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Circle one: The clouds of a hurricane move in a **clockwise** / **counter-clockwise** direction

5. Have you ever been in a hurricane? Do you know someone who has been in a hurricane? If you have, write about this below. If you haven't, write about the last time you heard about a hurricane on the news. Where was it? What was its name?

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6. How would you feel if you were Terrance?

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