

Resource 1

Look at the resource below, which shares some information about hurricanes.

Do you know anything else about hurricanes?
What else would you like to find out?

Hurricane

The scientific name for a hurricane, cyclone or typhoon is a tropical cyclone. They are all powerful, spinning storms that form over warm oceans. If the tropical cyclone forms in the Caribbean or North America region, it is known as a hurricane.



Hurricane forming over the warm ocean.

Hurricanes build strength as they move across warm water. When they reach land, they begin to lose power but until they do, their winds and rainfall can cause a huge amount of damage.

Satellite image of a hurricane near Florida, North America.



Damage caused by a hurricane.



Did you know?

- June – November is hurricane season
- The centre of a hurricane is called the eye
- Hurricanes have sustained winds of at least 74mph
- Tropical cyclones rotate anti-clockwise in the northern hemisphere and clockwise in the southern hemisphere

