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Level 2 – 15th February 2024

Climate change means category 6 hurricane needed

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Weather scientists say we need a new category for hurricanes. This is because climate change is causing more powerful storms. The scientists want to extend the current 1 to 5 scale used to measure hurricanes. A category 5 is currently the strongest. This is when winds reach 252 kph. The scientists say a new category of 6 is needed for winds of over 309 kph. They say that in the past decade, there have been five hurricanes and typhoons that would be a category 6. Hurricanes start in the Atlantic Ocean, while typhoons develop in the north-western Pacific Ocean.

A meteorologist said the USA's National Hurricane Center would need to start researching intense storms to create the category 6. He wants more discussions, "about how to better communicate risk in a warming world". He said greenhouse gas emissions are increasing temperatures. This is heating oceans, which gives the water extra energy. This makes hurricanes more powerful, with much higher wind speeds. The meteorologist thinks there will be more "super-storms" in the future. He said: "These storms keep getting stronger as the climate changes."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/feb/05/hurricanes-becoming-so-strong-that-new-category-needed-study-says>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. we need a new category | a. the Atlantic Ocean |
| 2. climate change is causing | b. the strongest |
| 3. scientists want to extend the | c. more powerful storms |
| 4. A category 5 is currently | d. reach 252 kph |
| 5. This is when winds | e. decade |
| 6. a new category of | f. for hurricanes |
| 7. in the past | g. 6 is needed |
| 8. Hurricanes start in | h. current 1 to 5 scale |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. start researching intense | a. oceans |
| 2. greenhouse gas | b. storms in the future |
| 3. This is heating | c. energy |
| 4. gives the water extra | d. as the climate changes |
| 5. This makes hurricanes more | e. storms |
| 6. much higher wind | f. emissions |
| 7. there will be more super- | g. speeds |
| 8. storms keep getting stronger | h. powerful |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Weather scientists say we (1) _____ category for hurricanes. This is because climate change (2) _____ powerful storms. The scientists want to extend the current 1 to 5 scale (3) _____ hurricanes. A category 5 is currently the strongest. This is (4) _____ 252 kph. The scientists say a new category of 6 is needed for winds of over 309 kph. They say that in (5) _____, there have been five hurricanes and typhoons that would be a category 6. Hurricanes start in the Atlantic Ocean, while typhoons (6) _____ north-western Pacific Ocean.

A meteorologist said the USA's National Hurricane Center would need to start researching (7) _____ create the category 6. He wants more discussions, "about how to better (8) _____ a warming world". He said greenhouse gas emissions are increasing temperatures. This (9) _____, which gives the water extra energy. This makes hurricanes more powerful, with much (10) _____. The meteorologist thinks there will be more "super-storms" (11) _____. He said: "These storms (12) _____ as the climate changes."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HURRICANES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about hurricanes in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

