Compare Two Texts

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read both texts. Each question names one text. Circle the detail that only that text gives.

READ THIS FIRST

Hurricane Season

Text 1: How a Hurricane Forms

A hurricane is a huge spinning storm that forms over warm ocean water. The warm water heats the air above it. The warm air rises, and more air rushes in underneath to take its place. As this air spins, clouds and thunderstorms build into a giant whirl.

When the winds reach 74 miles per hour, the storm is called a hurricane. At the center is the eye, a calm area where the winds are light. Around the eye is the eyewall, where the strongest winds and heaviest rain are found.

Scientists rate a hurricane by its wind speed. The weakest is called Category 1, and the strongest is Category 5.

Hurricanes weaken quickly over land or cooler water because they lose their supply of warm, moist air. In the Atlantic Ocean, hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30.

Text 2: Getting Ready Before the Storm

Mrs. Whitaker's fourth-grade class in Tampa, Florida, spent a week learning how to get ready for a hurricane. Hurricanes can knock out power and damage homes. Here is what the students learned.

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1. Which detail is given only in Text 1?

A warning means a hurricane is expected within about a day and a half.

Winds can push ocean water onto land.

Families should pack an emergency kit.

The middle of a hurricane is a calm area.

2. Which detail is given only in Text 2?

A storm becomes a hurricane when winds reach 74 miles per hour.

Hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30.

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3. Which detail is given only in Text 1?

Category 5 is the strongest rating for a hurricane.

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4. Which detail is given only in Text 2?

During the storm, a family should stay indoors and away from windows.

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