Compare Two Texts

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read both texts. Each question starts with a detail from one text. Use the other text to circle the answer.

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.

First, know the difference between a watch and a warning. A hurricane watch means a hurricane could hit your area within about two days. A hurricane warning means it is expected within about a day and a half.

Second, pack an emergency kit. Every family needs water, canned food, a flashlight, batteries and first aid supplies. Plan on one gallon of water per person for each day, for at least three days. Keep the kit where the whole family can find it.

Third, listen to officials. Strong winds are not the only danger. Winds can push ocean water onto land, which is called storm surge. If officials tell your family to leave, go right away. Finally, stay indoors during the storm and keep away from windows.

1. Text 1 says a hurricane has winds of at least 74 miles per hour. According to Text 2, why might a family still need to leave?

   Hurricanes grow stronger when they cross land.

   The calm eye of the storm lasts for many days.

   Winds can also push ocean water onto land.

   A watch is always followed by a warning.

2. Text 1 says hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30. What does Text 2 suggest a family do before then?

   pack an emergency kit and keep it easy to find

   wait for a warning before buying any water

   stay away from the windows all summer long

   leave town as soon as June 1 arrives

3. Text 1 says the eyewall has the strongest winds and heaviest rain. According to Text 2, what should a family do during the storm?

   go outside as soon as the rain slows down

   stay indoors and keep away from windows

   wait in a car parked near the coast

   stand near a window to watch the storm

4. Text 2 says hurricanes can knock out power and damage homes. According to Text 1, why does a hurricane weaken quickly over land?

   Its eye grows larger and swallows the winds.

   It loses its supply of warm, moist air.

   Dry air from the land pushes it back out to sea.

   Strong winds on land break the storm into pieces.

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