

Learn About Hurricanes

Use the word bank to fill the empty spaces in the paragraph.

ANSWER SHEET

A hurricane is a huge storm that forms over the open **ocean**. Hurricanes are made up of strong **winds** and are usually accompanied by heavy **rain**. They can create large waves and cause a great amount of damage. Because a hurricane only travels over open ocean waters the places most at risk are **islands** and coastal towns. Hurricanes are formed over ocean water that is 80° F or warmer. The warm water provides **energy** for the hurricane. Winds come together above the water and force the air upward. **Humid** air, which is hot and moist, rises from the water to create storm-clouds. Above the storm clouds wind flows outward and allows the air to rise. The wind **spirals** around and around the storm. This storm becomes a hurricane when the cyclone reaches wind speeds of at least 74 **miles** per hour.

WORD BANK

ISLANDS

HUMID

OCEAN

ENERGY

RAIN

MILES

WINDS

SPIRALS

