

Learn About Hurricanes

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

WORD BANK

ISLANDS
HUMID
OCEAN
ENERGY
RAIN
MILES
WINDS
SPIRALS

A hurricane is a huge storm that forms over the open [REDACTED]. Hurricanes are made up of strong [REDACTED] and are usually accompanied by heavy [REDACTED]. 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 [REDACTED] and coastal towns. Hurricanes are formed over ocean water that is 80° F or warmer. The warm water provides [REDACTED] for the hurricane. Winds come together above the water and force the air upward. [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] around and around the storm. This storm becomes a hurricane when the cyclone reaches wind speeds of at least 74 [REDACTED] per hour.

