

HURRICANES – WORD LIST

- **alternate** = change
- **although** =while
- **authorities** = the people or organizations that have the power to make decisions
- **bank** = a high area
- **broadcast** = to send out a radio or TV programme
- **calm** = quiet, smooth
- **catastrophe** = disaster, tragedy in which many people are killed
- **cause** = to make , lead to
- **certain** = here: special
- **coastal - coastline** =place where land and water come together
- **connect** =link to
- **constantly** = all the time, very often
- **counterclockwise** = in the opposite direction of the way that the hands of a clock move
- **create** = make
- **curved** =bent , rounded
- **damage** =destruction
- **destroy** =wipe out, damage, ruin
- **disaster** = something that happens by surprise and causes a lot of damage
- **disperse** =break up, go away
- **dock** = a place where a ship or boat is fixed to land
- **drain** = to make the water move away from something
- **emergency** = if something unexpected happens
- **escape** = to get away from a dangerous place
- **evacuate** = to bring people away from a dangerous place to where it is safe
- **expect** = to think that something will happen
- **female** = a woman's ...
- **flood** = when land is covered by water
- **hemisphere** = half of the Earth
- **high pressure** = place where air is very heavy; it goes down
- **in case** =if something happens
- **increase** = to become bigger and larger
- **install** = set up, make ready to work
- **knock down** = to hit something very hard
- **levee** = a special wall that is built to stop flooding from a river
- **little** = not very much
- **locate** =lie
- **loose** =movable, free, not fixed
- **low pressure** = place where the air is not very heavy ; it goes up
- **male** = a man's ...
- **moist** = wet
- **nail** = to put metal into something with a hammer
- **occur** = happen
- **officially** =formally, publicly
- **pass** = travel over or by
- **path** = route, direction
- **plywood** = a material made of many layers of wood that makes it strong
- **population** = the people of a city or town
- **property** = your house and the land that it is on
- **protect** =guard , defend
- **record** = write down information
- **replace** = to take something's place
- **rise** = go up
- **sea level** =the average height of the sea ; it is the basis for measuring other heights like mountains etc..
- **sight** = see, observe, notice
- **speed** =how fast something is
- **spread** = to move to other places
- **supplies** =food and other things you need to survive
- **surface** =the top layer of something
- **tear away** = destroy
- **throughout** = in all of
- **thunderclouds** = clouds that form in thunderstorms
- **thunderstorm** = a storm with thunder, lightning and sometimes a lot of rain
- **tie** = bind together, fix
- **towards** = in the direction of ..
- **trap** = to be in a bad and dangerous place where you cannot get out
- **uproot** = to pull a tree and its roots out of the ground
- **violence** =aggression, fighting
- **wide** =broad