

Preparing for Hurricanes

Hi! I'm Greta. In the U.S., hurricanes happen most often along the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico coastlines. Want to learn more? Download **Monster Guard**. It's a free app from the American Red Cross that teaches kids how to be prepared for emergencies. Choose "Hurricane" on the main menu. Then join me on a training mission to learn how to get ready when a hurricane is on the way.

Note: You must have completed the **Monster Guard** Initiation section before you can access the Hurricane training mission.

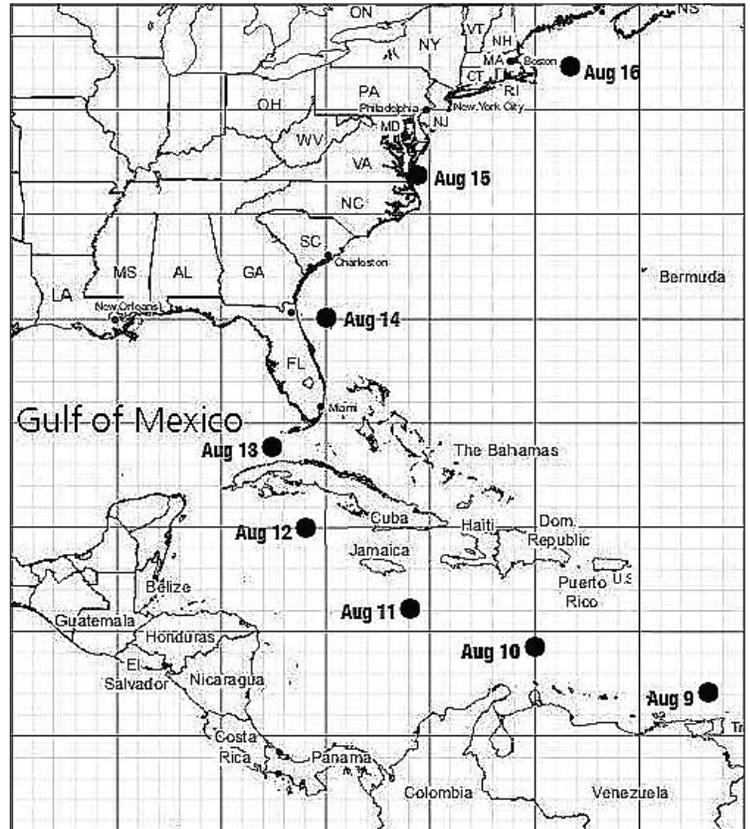
My Hurricane Safety Score: _____



Part 1

A hurricane is a tropical storm with very powerful winds that spin around and around. Every hurricane forms over warm ocean waters. It pulls up the warm air from the ocean surface inside it. The rising warm air helps the wind inside the storm grow stronger and stronger. And as it rises, the warm air creates a growing storm cloud. Strong winds blowing across the ocean push the storm westward and cause it to spin around and around. This speeds up the wind inside the storm and pulls in even more warm, moist air. When the wind speed reaches 74 miles per hour, the storm is called a *hurricane*.

Weather forecasters use satellites to track hurricanes. The forecasters can warn people when a hurricane approaches. Imagine that you are a hurricane tracker. Connect the dots on this map to mark the path of Hurricane Charley day by day. Then fill in the chart with the names of the places you would have warned each day.



Date	Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16
Places to Warn								

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Part 2

Do you remember your hurricane safety training? It's very important to:

1. stay informed,
2. have a plan, and
3. have an emergency supplies kit (which includes water and food)



Now show what you learned by drawing a line to the picture that shows what you need to take with you when a hurricane is on the way.

A three-day supply of



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An emergency



Replay the Monster Guard Hurricane training mission. See if you can score higher!

