

Hurricane Names

Why do hurricanes have names? To answer this question and others about hurricane names, read the Web pages indicated for each section using the following links.

Hunting for Hurricanes Hurricane Names.....

Finding Information in a Table or List:

1. Is your name in the list of hurricane names for this year? YES or NO
2. Does your name or a classmate's name appear in any of the other years? YES or NO
If so, which one(s) and which year? _____

Comprehension

3. Why do weather forecasters give hurricanes names?

4. What letters of the alphabet are never used to name hurricanes? Why?

5. Why are hurricane names retired?

6. From what languages are names for hurricanes taken? Hint: What languages are spoken nearby?

Summarizing

7. Click on one of the linked retired hurricane names and read the passage that appears. Explain why this hurricane name was retired.

Critical Thinking

8. During every hurricane season since records were kept, not all available letters of the alphabet have been used. Why do you think this is so?

9. At one time, all hurricanes were named using only female names. This changed in 1979. Why do you think this happened?

Rewriting Factual Information Correctly

10. All the sentences below are false. Rewrite them so they are true.

a. Today, all hurricane names are male names.

b. Names of hurricanes cannot be reused for ten years.
