

It's a Hurricane!



There are many different types of weather.



Sometimes the weather is sunny and the sky is clear.



Sometimes the weather is stormy and the sky is dark.



Each year we have hurricane season.

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Hurricane season in Louisiana is from June 1 to November 30.

What is a hurricane?



Hurricanes are large storms. They form over the warm ocean waters.

Some hurricanes are very big, and some hurricanes are very small.



Hurricanes make a lot of wind and rain.
This can make the streets unsafe to drive on.



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The National Weather Center tracks hurricanes.

The local meteorologist will tell us if a hurricane is coming.

My family may watch the news on T.V. or listen to the news on the radio to learn about the hurricane.



This might mean that I cannot watch my favorite shows.

I will do my best to be patient.

It is important for us to know what is going on.

We can prepare!



We need to prepare our house before the hurricane comes.



We might put boards on the windows so that they do not break.



We might put sandbags by the doors so that water does not get in.

Our plans might change because a hurricane can change directions or strength.



I know that if our plans change it's because my family is trying to keep us safe.



My school may be closed.

My schedule may change.

I will stay with my family.



When a hurricane is coming, my family will make decisions to keep us safe.



My family will have to decide if we are going to stay at home or leave our house to go somewhere safer.

We might go to a safe shelter, a friend's house, or a hotel.



We might not know how long we are going to be gone.



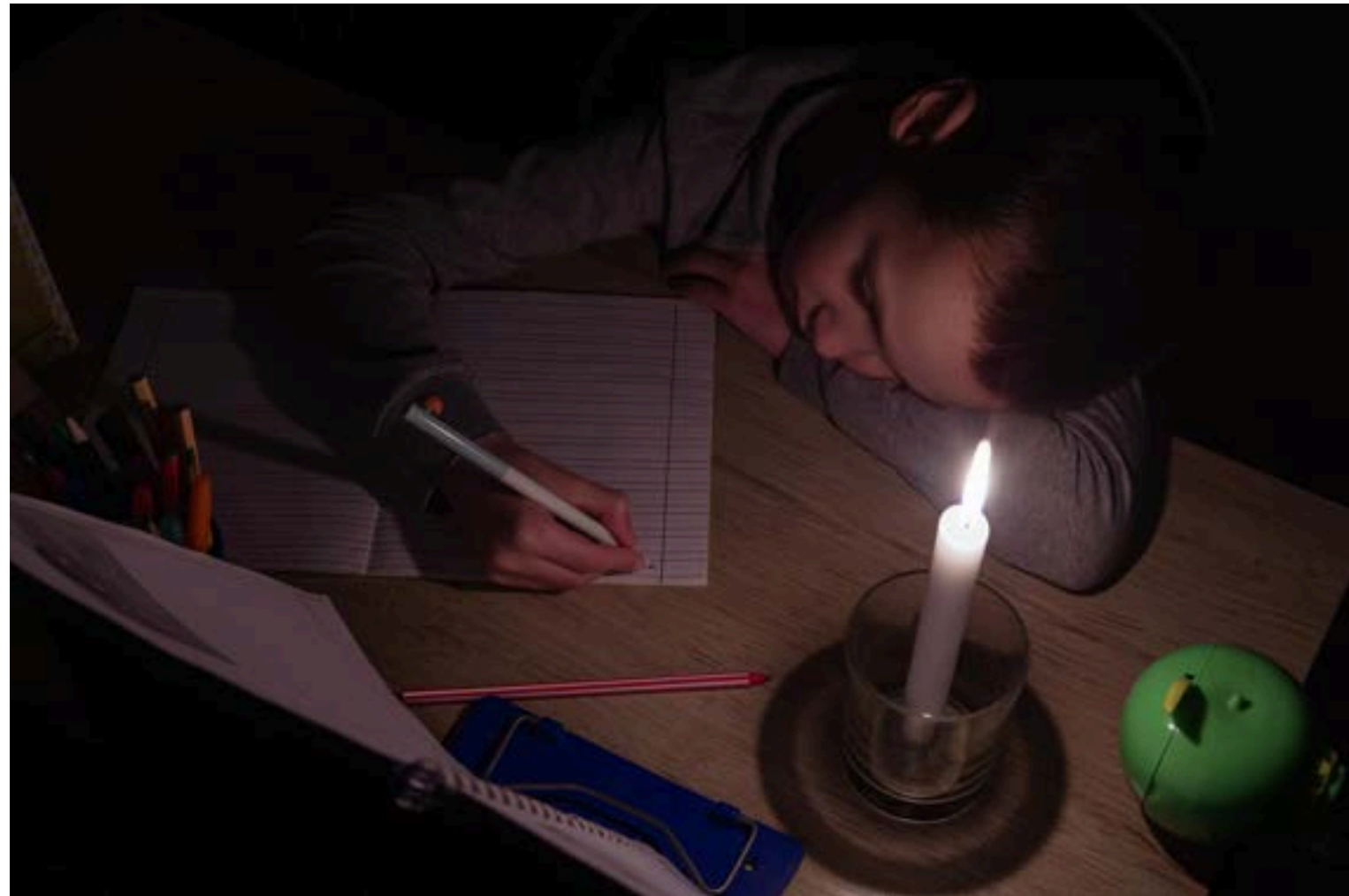
My family will tell me when it is safe for us to go back home.

When the hurricane is over I might see damage around our neighborhood.



We may have damage where we live.

We may not have power or water for a few days.



We may have to fix things that were damaged.



We may have to stay away from our home while it is being fixed.

Hurricanes can make me nervous, but I can try to have fun with my family.



We can read books, play games, draw pictures, make-up stories, and do other fun things while we are staying safe.



My family will help me along the way.

We will prepare ahead of time for hurricanes.

We will change plans if needed.

We will be safe.



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