



1. What is the purpose of the story?

Watch Professor Jonathan Nott talking in the video then tick (✓) the correct ending to the sentence.

The purpose of the story is

- to compare tourism between Cairns and New Orleans.
- to alert people to a potential disaster if Cairns is hit by a severe cyclone.
- to illustrate how Cairns is ready for an emergency in the event of a cyclone.

2. Comprehension

Watch the video again then complete the sentences with words from the box.

severe	water	grief	hospital	Emergency
CBD	power	disaster	ambulance	coast

a.	Jonathan Nott shows us where the _____ is located, in front of a grassy area which leads down to the ocean.
b.	Because it is so close to the ocean, he is worried that the ground floor of the hospital, and perhaps part of the first floor, would be under _____ if a cyclone hits Cairns.
c.	Also along the _____, the major emergency services are located: the _____, fire and rescue, State _____ Services, as well as the main _____ station.
d.	Jonathan is concerned that large parts of Cairns which have been built on low-lying areas, including the _____, would be under water in the event of a _____ cyclone.
e.	He likens the situation to that of New Orleans, and believes a _____ is certain to happen in the future, causing a lot of _____.



3. Vocabulary

Write the correct word from the video next to its meaning. (You may need to use your dictionary to help you).

potentially	cyclone	CBD	akin to	impending	equivalent
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- a. _____ hurricane, a violent tropical storm
- b. _____ similar to
- c. _____ about to happen
- d. _____ possibly
- e. _____ equal
- f. _____ Central Business District

4. Note



Cyclone over the Gulf of Mexico
(Photo from Wikipedia Commons)

In late 2005, Hurricane Katrina moved across the Gulf of Mexico into low-lying areas of the United States. Coastal and inland communities were flooded.

New Orleans is below sea level and, in a major catastrophe, the levee bank system around the city failed. Water flooded into the area and was unable to escape.

More than 1800 people died in the disaster.



Answers

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The purpose of the story is **to alert people to a potential disaster if Cairns is hit by a severe cyclone.**

2. Comprehension

- a. Jonathan Nott shows us where the hospital is located, in front of a grassy area which leads down to the ocean.
- b. Because it is so close to the ocean, he is worried that the ground floor of the hospital, and perhaps part of the first floor, would be under water if a cyclone hits Cairns.
- c. Also along the coast, the major emergency services are located: the ambulance, fire and rescue, State Emergency Services, as well as the main power station.
- d. Jonathan is concerned that large parts of Cairns which have been built on low-lying areas, including the CBD, would be under water in the event of a severe cyclone.
- e. He likens the situation to that of New Orleans, and believes a disaster is certain to happen in the future, causing a lot of grief.

3. Vocabulary

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| a. | <u>cyclone</u> | hurricane, a violent tropical storm |
| b. | <u>akin to</u> | similar to |
| c. | <u>impending</u> | about to happen |
| d. | <u>potentially</u> | possibly |
| e. | <u>equivalent</u> | equal |
| f. | <u>CBD</u> | Central Business District |