



1. What is the purpose of the story?

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

This purpose of the story is

- to show how emergency services help people in a disaster.
- to alert people to a potential disaster if Cairns is hit by a severe cyclone.
- to compare tourism between Cairns and New Orleans.

2. Comprehension

Watch the video again then click (✓) True or False.,

		True	False
a.	We see the Cairns hospital with the ocean just about 100 metres in front.		
b.	Jonathan Nott believes the whole hospital could be washed away during a severe cyclone.		
c.	A low-lying road by the ocean contains the ambulance, the police, fire and rescue services.		
d.	We see the major power station for Cairns in the low-lying area.		
e.	Jonathan believes the whole of the Cairns CBD would be under water in a severe cyclone.		
f.	He believes that Cairns is similar to New York in this way.		
g.	He believes there will be terrible problems in the future because buildings and essential services have been erected on land so close to the ocean.		



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

		True	False
a.	We see the Cairns hospital with the ocean just about 100 metres in front.	√	
b.	Jonathan Nott believes the whole hospital could be washed away during a severe cyclone.		√
c.	A low-lying road by the ocean contains the ambulance, the police, fire and rescue services.		√
d.	We see the major power station for Cairns in the low-lying area.	√	
e.	Jonathan believes the whole of the Cairns CBD would be under water in a severe cyclone.	√	
f.	He believes that Cairns is similar to New York in this way.		√
g.	He believes there will certainly be terrible problems in the future because buildings and essential services have been erected on land so close to the ocean.	√	

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 |