Hurricane Floyd

**A**fter reading an article at cnn.com I have decided the topic is good enough to tell you something about hurricanes and how to prepare for them.

**T**he whole story started on Monday, September 13th at around 5 am. The Hurricane’s name was Floyd. It raced towards the Bahamas so people put a hurricane watch on the shore so they wouldn’t be surprised when it came. It was going towards the Bahamas at nearly 155mph (248km/h). Some meteorologist said that it is so powerful it can rip off roofs, damage doors and windows. It was the matter of time and the wind whether the hurricane will come to the Bahamas. At the end Floyd came to the Bahamas and ripped off roofs and tore out trees on the Island. The scientists said it was a category 4 storm, so it wasn’t the fastest and the most dangerous. But it wasn’t so little, too. There is only one category faster and more dangerous and that is Category 5 storm. People couldn’t do a thing to save their life. They just watched and waited for a big “surprise”. It’s very difficult if you can’t do a thing to prevent a disaster. It went towards Florida and the Emergency Management warned people to get **prepared** for Floyd. Emergency Management on Florida even evacuated 2 million people from critical zones. It was the biggest civilian evacuation in American history. Floyd was three times stronger than hurricane Andrew in 1992, when 40 people died. Hurricane Floyd may be gone, but residents up and down the East Coast won't forget this for a long time.

**I**t wasn’t the most powerful hurricane but the people were afraid anyway. This could be considered as a warning to stop destroying our planet. Many people think this was the preparation for THE END OF THE WORLD.

**N**ow I am going to tell you something about storm categories. There are 5 categories. *(Paper II)*

*After that*: **S**ome of you would probably know how to protect yourself against hurricanes. For those who doesn’t know, I am going to read some tips. *(Paper III)*

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| METEOROLOGIST | The man who gives weather forecast | Meteorolog |
| THRESHOLD | A threshold is an amount, level, or limit on a scale. When the threshold is reached, something else happens or changes.  | Prag, začetek |
| PASS | To go past somebody without stopping | Iti mimo nekoga |
| FORECASTERS | A man who tells you what the weather is going to be like | Napovedovalec vremena |
| SKIRTING | If you skirt sth, you go around the edge of it | Obiti |
| CERTAIN | If you’re certain about sth, you firmly believe that it is true and have no doubts about it | Zanesljivo  |
| RESIDENTS | The people who live in a particular place | Prebivalec  |
| HEEDING | Paying attention  | Biti pozoren |
| STOCKING | Supplying, accumulating  | Zalagati, kopičiti zaloge |
| PLYWOOD | A material made of thin layers of wood glued together | Vezana plošča |
| DESIGNATE | To point out or identify | Določiti, imenovati |
| RIP | To pull off by breaking or tearing | Odtrgati  |
| DEVASTATE | To leave in ruins | Opustošiti |
| SWATHS | Strips  | Vrste, črte |
| ROILING | Disturbing (the temper) | Motiti, jeziti |
| WESTWARD | Moving toward the west | Iti proti zahodu |
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