



## Hurricane Dorian

### What is a hurricane?

- Hurricanes are tropical storms which start in the Atlantic Ocean or eastern Pacific Ocean.
- They form over really warm water and gather heat and energy.

Photo: Hurricane Dorian seen from space.

## People Help in the Bahamas

Hurricane Dorian has caused a lot of damage in the Bahamas. Many people will be working to help others.

The hurricane reached the Bahamas on Monday. It was a category 5, making it one of the most powerful hurricanes to ever impact the area.

The Red Cross, an **international** charity, said that it believes the storm damaged around 13,000 homes. It also caused serious flooding.

US President Donald Trump called it “an extremely dangerous storm,” on social media.

Lots of different groups are already working to help those who have been affected by the hurricane.

The government of the Bahamas has opened 14 emergency **shelters** for people whose homes have been destroyed.

Charities will also be providing supplies, like medicine and clean water, for people in the area and the UK government has sent a team of experts to help.

Extreme weather isn't unusual in

the Caribbean Sea this time of year but **forecasters** say this hurricane is very powerful.

The National Hurricane Centre, which studies hurricanes, say that the wind speed has dropped and it is now a category 3 hurricane. This is still a very strong storm.

It's not clear whether the hurricane will reach the United States of America, but millions of people have been **evacuated** away to a safer area in case it does.

### Glossary

<b>international</b>	Working in lots of different countries.
<b>shelters</b>	Places giving protection from bad weather or danger.
<b>forecasters</b>	People who predict the weather.
<b>evacuated</b>	Removed from a place of danger to a safer place.

# Questions

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4. Why do you think US President Donald Trump calls the hurricane "extremely dangerous"?  
**Accept any reasonable answer which refers to the harm caused by the hurricane, e.g. Donald Trump calls the hurricane "extremely dangerous" because it has damaged a lot of homes.**
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6. Summarise the news story in 15 words or fewer.  
**Accept any reasonable summary which is 15 words or fewer, e.g. People are helping after Hurricane Dorian caused a lot of damage in the Bahamas.**