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Hurricanes Could Be Caused by Warm Weather



Scientists will look back and remember this year for having lots of hurricanes that were very strong. A group in charge of naming hurricanes is getting worried. They think that they might run out of names for the hurricanes if we have many more.

Category 4 and 5 hurricanes are very strong. There have been many more of these strong hurricanes over the last 35 years. The number of them has doubled. Some people think that this might be because of global warming. However, no one can prove the link global warming has with hurricanes. It will need to be studied for many more years.

One science professor said that there are other things that could create these extra hurricanes. He said that ocean temperatures going up could make hurricanes grow. Another thing that he talks about is weather cycles. He said that we are entering a cycle with more frequent hurricanes.

Most scientists agree that global warming does exist. Many also agree that burning fossil fuels have made it happen much faster. All scientists do not agree though on what is causing the most global warming. Some think that people are doing it. Others think that it is simply natural.

Link between Global Warming and Hurricanes Unclear, Says Local Expert

This year is going to go down as one that is notable for the frequency and intensity of its hurricanes. There have been so many hurricanes, in fact that the National Hurricane Center is in danger of running out of names.

The number of storms that reach Category 4 and 5 has nearly doubled over the past 35 years, according to a new study published in the journal Science. However, the study stops short of linking the trend to global warming. Such a tie would require a longer historical period of study and a better understanding of hurricane dynamics, scientists say.

U.C. Davis atmospheric science Professor Terry Nathan warns against attributing hurricanes Katrina and Rita directly to global warming. "Any particular event is very difficult to associate with global warming," Nathan said, though he agrees this is an unusual year.

Nathan says ocean temperatures are increasing and such increases do provide more energy for hurricanes to develop. He also says weather phenomena are prone to cycles, and we are entering a cycle in which we will see more frequent hurricanes.

Global warming is a phenomenon that most reputable scientists agree exists. There's also fairly general agreement that emissions from the burning of fossil fuels have greatly accelerated it. What is at question is how much of the warming is due to a natural cycle and how much is human-caused.

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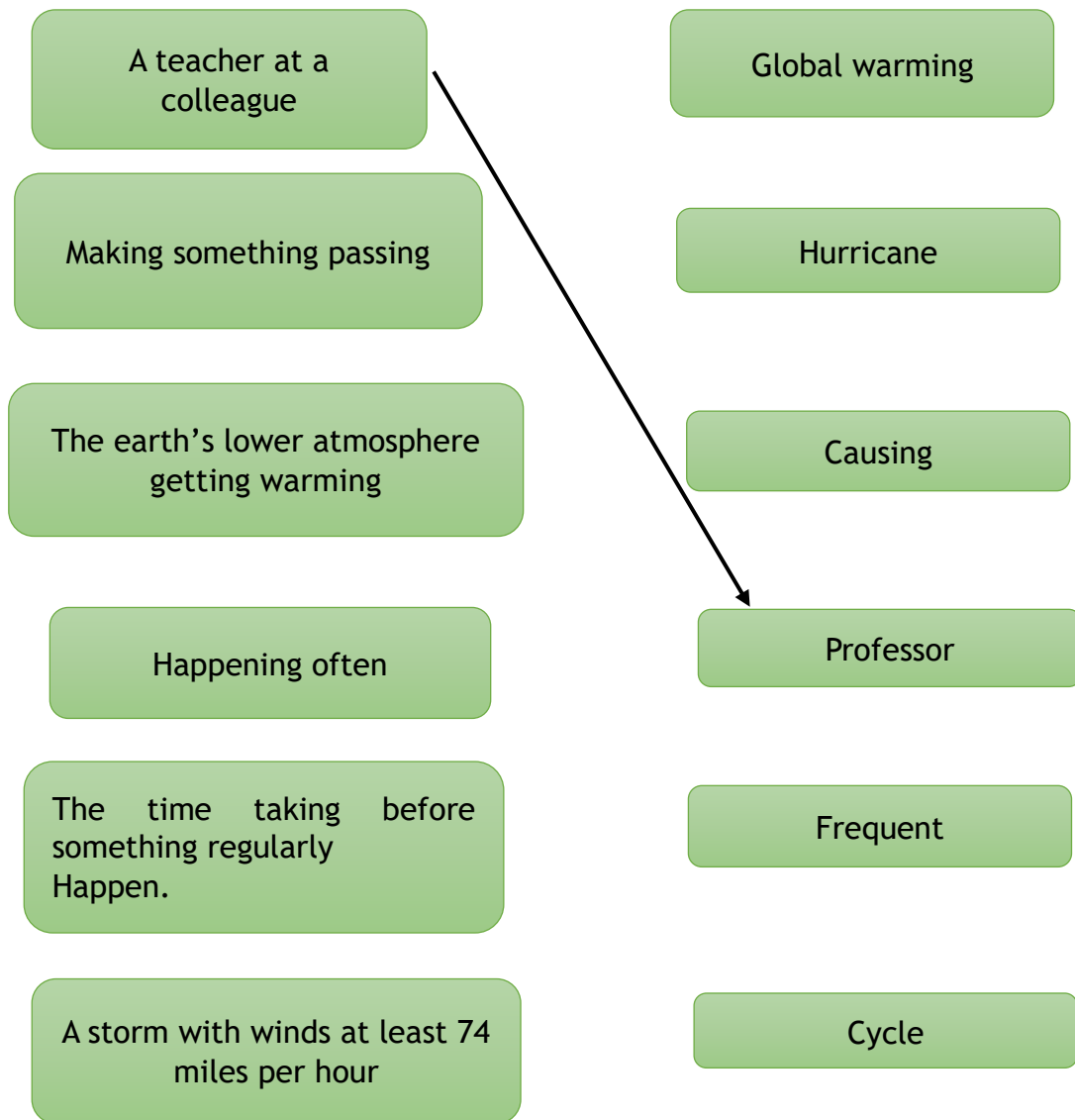
Exercise

1. Please, write here the words that you can associated with words in Spanish

ENGLISH	SPANISH	ENGLISH	SPANISH	ENGLISH	SPANISH
GROUP	GRUPO				

2. Join with a line the word and its meaning.





3. Check your understanding

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1. No one can prove the link global warming has with hurricanes _____.
 - a. because it is not true
 - b. because we will never know
 - c. until it is studied for many more years
 - d. until next year
2. A scientist said that _____ could also explain why we are having more hurricanes.
 - a. clouds
 - b. rain
 - c. weather cycles
 - d. the hot weather

3. One scientist said that ocean temperatures going up could _____.
- a. create a better swimming environment
 - b. kill many sea creatures
 - c. cause hurricanes to grow
 - d. cause fish to swim south
4. Scientists will look back and remember this year for having _____ that were very strong.
- a. lots of hurricanes
 - b. lots of waves
 - c. lots of heat waves
 - d. lots of snow storms
5. Category 4 and 5 hurricanes are _____.
- a. mild
 - b. rare
 - c. very strong
 - d. weak