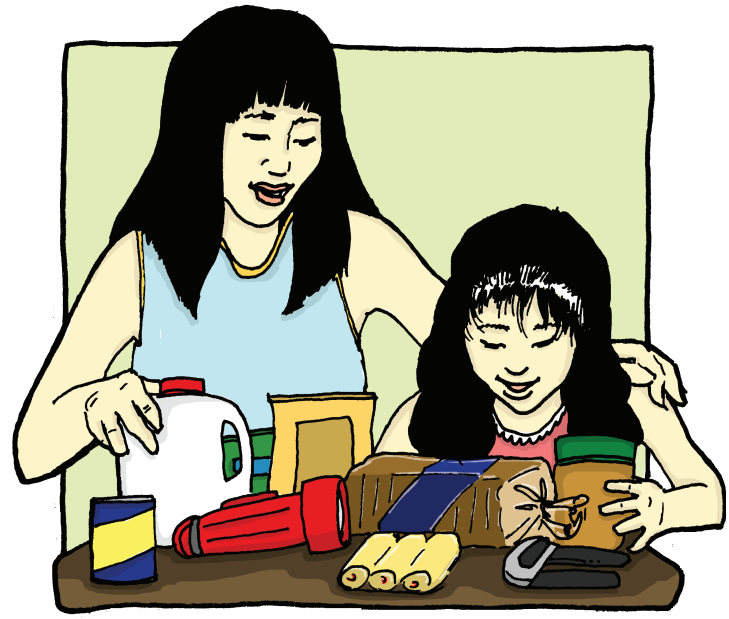
The Storm Is Coming

The **cause** *is what makes something happen. The* **effect** *is what happens as a result of the cause.*

Lily was so sad. She just couldn't believe it! She was supposed to have her birthday party tomorrow, but now there was a chance that the city was going to get hit by a hurricane. The party was canceled and would have to be rescheduled.

The meteorologist at the weather centre had been keeping a very close eye on Hurricane Dora. This fierce storm originated way out in the Atlantic Ocean near Africa. It was now quickly heading towards the southern part of the United States — somewhere near Miami, which is where Lily lived. The storm had winds of up to 200 kilometres per hour. This made it a category three hurricane and Lily knew it could be very damaging.



So instead of running around with her mom doing last-minute things for her party, Lily was busy helping her mom update their hurricane safety kit. They needed new batteries for the flashlights and radios, fresh water, some canned goods, a new can opener, bread, peanut butter and a few other non-perishable food items. Their kit still had plenty of bandages, blankets and diapers and baby food for her baby brother. Lily's mom asked Lily to also remind her to get some cash.

While Lily and her mom were busy at the store, Lily's dad was busy at the dock securing their boat. When he finished, he was going to return to the house and cover their windows with plywood that he had already cut for just this kind of emergency.

When all of the preparations are done, Lily's parents will gather their important papers, some cherished family photos and a few clothes. They will pack up the van. Since Lily's grandparents live in Atlanta, Lily and her family will evacuate Miami and go stay with them for a few days. After all, sometimes winds cause hurricanes to change direction, and they miss their intended target completely. Lily hopes this will happen, but she is also excited that she will get to visit her grandparents.

Name _____

Identifying cause and effect

1. Write *C* for cause or *E* for effect for each pair of sentences.

   _____ Lily's birthday party was canceled.

   _____ A hurricane was approaching Lily's city.

   _____ The meteorologist was watching Hurricane Dora very closely.

   _____ Hurricane Dora was a dangerous, category three hurricane.

   _____ Lily's dad was prepared for a hurricane.

   _____ Lily's dad had plywood already cut for their windows.

2. Match each cause with its effect.

Cause	Effect
_____ Lily gets to visit her grandparents.	A. Sometimes hurricanes miss their intended target.
_____ Winds change their direction.	B. Lily's family is evacuating.
_____ The storm is very dangerous.	C. Lily is excited.

3. List the items Lily's family have in their hurricane safety kit. _____

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4. What other items might the family need? Why?

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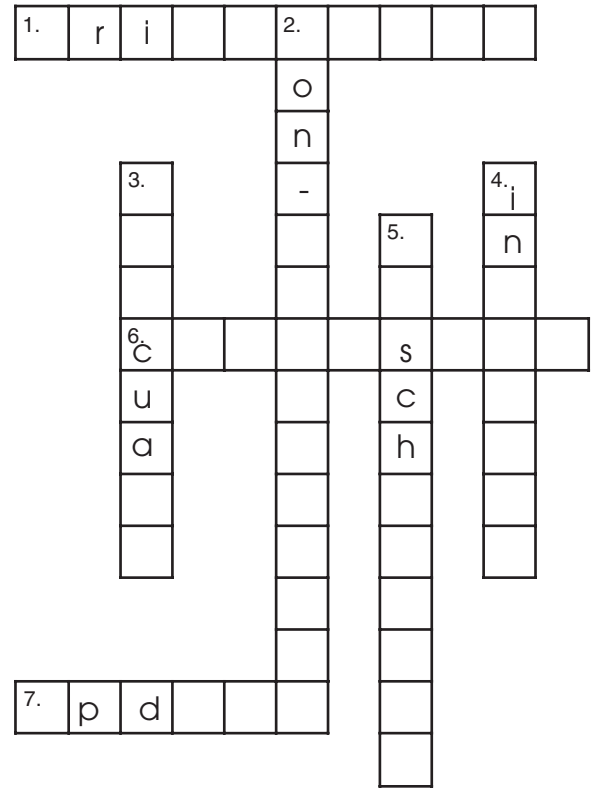
5. Complete the puzzle using words from the story.

Across
1. started
6. treasured
7. make current

Down
2. will not spoil
3. to leave for safety reasons
4. planned; chosen
5. planned again for another time



On a piece of paper, make a list of six items you would take with you if you had to evacuate for safety reasons. Also write a reason why you picked each item.