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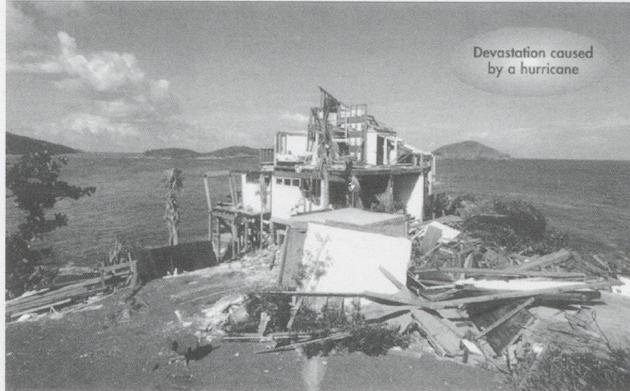
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# Children's Page

## Where does a hurricane begin?

A hurricane is a powerful, swirling storm that begins over a warm sea. Hurricanes form in waters near the equator and then they move towards the Poles. The winds of a hurricane swirl around a calm central zone called the eye, surrounded



Devastation caused by a hurricane

by a band of tall, dark clouds called the eyewall. The eye is usually about 16 to 32km (10 to 20 miles) in diameter

and is free of rain and large clouds.

In the eyewall, large changes in pressure create the hurricane's strongest winds. These winds can reach nearly 320km (200 miles) per hour. Damaging winds may extend 400km (250 miles) from the eye.

### FACT FILE:

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