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Vocabulary: Weather 词汇: 天气

Go home and shut all the windows because Abigail is coming! In this case, Abigail is not a very angry lady, but the name of a **storm** chosen by the public in an initiative by the UK **weather service**, the Met Office, and its Irish counterpart Met Eireann.

In the last few months they have **compiled** a list of names suggested by ordinary people. In **alphabetical order**, Barney is next, followed by Clodagh. You might find Katie down the line, and also Nigel.



Abigail and Katie are two storm names on the list

The idea of giving peoples' names to storms is to make people more aware that bad weather is on its way – and it is more understandable than giving them the **latitude** and **longitude**. Following a **convention** by the US, no storms will be given names beginning with the less common letters: Q, U, X, Y and Z.

The National **Hurricane** Center in Miami has officially been naming the Atlantic's **tropical cyclones** since 1953 – men's names were included in the 1970s. But the list is maintained and updated by the World **Meteorological** Organization, a UN agency based in Geneva.

Names of storms considered too **catastrophic** are 'retired' and replaced. No more Katrina – the name of the devastating hurricane that killed nearly 2,000 in the US in 2005. Cyclones are **upgraded** to hurricanes if they reach 119km/h.

But what happens when there are too many storms in the world in a particular year? Julian Heming, tropical predictions scientist at the Met Office in the UK, explains: "If the remainder of the **season** is very active, it's not out of the question we'll have to... start using letters from the Greek alphabet."

词汇表

storm	暴风雨
weather service	天气服务机构（此处指英国气象中心）
to compile	编辑，编纂
alphabetical order	按照英文字母表顺序
latitude	纬度
longitude	经度
convention	常规，习惯，规定
hurricane	飓风
tropical	热带的
cyclone	龙卷风，气旋
meteorological	气象的，气象学的
catastrophic	毁灭性的
upgraded	被提高、升级
season	季节

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. Who is Abigail?
2. Why are storms given names?
3. True or False? *The name Katie was taken off the list after a hurricane with this name caused great devastation.*
4. Why won't we see a hurricane called Quentin?
5. What happens if they run out of names any particular year?

2. 请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. Have you heard the news? The cyclone is stronger now and it has turned into _____.

a storm	a season	latitude and longitude	a hurricane
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2. A UN agency in Geneva _____ the list of names of cyclones in the world.

upgrades	retires	updates	replaces
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3. Barney and Nigel are names of storms suggested _____ people in the UK.

for	at	of	by
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4. Don't worry. You don't have to rush home. This is just _____ storm, not a cyclone!

a catastrophic	a devastating	an ordinary	an Abigail
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5. Iceland experiences long summer nights due to its northern _____.

hurricane	latitude	longitude	meteorology
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答案

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. Who is Abigail?

Abigail is not a person – it's the first name chosen by the public in a list of names for storms.

2. Why are storms given names?

Storms are given names to make people more aware that bad weather is on its way – names are easier to remember than geographical positions.

3. True or False? *The name Katie was taken off the list after a hurricane with this name caused great devastation.*

False. The name taken off the list – or 'retired' – was Katrina.

4. Why won't we see a hurricane called Quentin?

No storms are given names starting with Q, U, X, Y and Z, following a convention in the US.

5. What happens if they run out of names in any particular year?

The meteorologists might use names starting with letters of the Greek alphabet.

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1. Have you heard the news? The cyclone is stronger now and it has turned into **a hurricane**.

2. A UN agency in Geneva **updates** the list of names of cyclones in the world.

3. Barney and Nigel are names of storms suggested **by** people in the UK.

4. Don't worry. You don't have to rush home. This is just **an ordinary** storm, not a cyclone!

5. Iceland experiences long summer nights due to its northern **latitude**.