

Worksheet 2

Nightmare Island

Nightmarish Cyclones

“Can’t we go back to Pulau Tiga?” said Jo nervously. “I mean – if there are cyclones in the neighbourhood – school will have to wait.”

A cyclone is a natural disaster that has the potential to cause widespread death and destruction.

Task 1: Compose an informative text about cyclones. Include the following details:

- What is a cyclone?
- Describe the structure of a cyclone.
- How does a cyclone form?
- What causes a cyclone?
- Explain the difference between a cyclone and a hurricane.
- How long can a cyclone last?
- Where are cyclones most common?
- What instrument is used to measure a cyclone’s intensity?
- Can cyclones occur in outer space? Explain.
- What is an anticyclone?
- Describe the main types of cyclones.

Task 2: Present the information above in a selected format (e.g. an oral presentation, poster or booklet) to an appropriate audience.

Extension Activities:

- Locate examples of three highly destructive cyclones to affect Australia explaining their impact on the environment and people’s lives.
- Research the history of how cyclones get their names.