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# Weathering the Storm: Strengthening Supply Chains in Extreme Weather

## Description

Extreme weather and supply problems are getting worse because of climate change.

A hurricane named Milton is coming to Florida's west coast. Meteorologists say it will hit on Wednesday. They think it will be a strong storm, either a Category 3 or 4. Some experts say it could cost between \$50 and \$175 billion in damage.

Many people in Florida have to leave their homes to stay safe. Milton has already been a very strong hurricane. It had winds of 180 miles per hour on Monday, reaching Category 5 status. Now, it is a Category 4 storm.

As businesses close for the storm, they need to have backup plans. They should work with reliable suppliers who can help in emergencies. Lisa Anderson, a supply chain expert, says businesses should treat suppliers as partners, not just vendors.

Businesses must prepare for more storms because of climate change. Julie Swann, a professor, says good planning can save money. After a recent storm named Helene caused many problems and deaths, help from companies like Home Depot and Lowe's was important.

It is vital for businesses to have strong connections with suppliers and even competitors. That way, they can get help when needed.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Meteorologists** /,mi:.ti.ə'rl.ə.dʒɪsts/ (noun): Scientists who study the atmosphere and weather patterns.
2. **Hurricane** /'hɜ:rɪ,keɪn/ (noun): A large violent storm characterized by high winds and heavy rain.
3. **Category** /'kæt.ə.gɔ:r.i/ (noun): A class or division of people or things regarded as having particular shared characteristics.
4. **Suppliers** /sə'plɑɪ.ərz/ (noun): Individuals or businesses that provide goods or services.
5. **Emergencies** /ɪ'mɜ:rdʒən.sɪz/ (noun): Sudden urgent situations requiring immediate action.
6. **Connections** /kə'neɪkʃənz/ (noun): Relationships or associations between people groups or concepts.

## Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. What is the name of the hurricane approaching Florida's west coast?

- Option: Hurricane Michael
- Option: Hurricane Milton
- Option: Hurricane Florence
- Option: Hurricane Dorian

2. What category storm is Hurricane Milton predicted to be?

- Option: Category 1 or 2
- Option: Category 2 or 3
- Option: Category 3 or 4
- Option: Category 4 or 5

3. According to experts, how much damage could Hurricane Milton cause?

- Option: \$10-25 billion
- Option: \$25-50 billion
- Option: \$50-100 billion
- Option: \$100-200 billion

4. Who suggests that businesses should treat suppliers as partners, not just vendors?

- Option: Julie Swann
- Option: Lisa Anderson
- Option: Home Depot
- Option: Lowe's

5. Which storm caused problems and deaths, leading to help from companies like Home Depot and Lowe's?

- Option: Hurricane Helene
- Option: Hurricane Florence
- Option: Hurricane Milton
- Option: Hurricane Dorian

6. Who emphasizes the importance of businesses having strong connections with suppliers and competitors?

- Option: Julie Swann
- Option: Lisa Anderson
- Option: Home Depot
- Option: Lowe's



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### True-False

7. Climate change is not a factor contributing to extreme weather and supply problems.
8. Milton was initially a Category 5 hurricane before weakening to a Category 4.
9. Lisa Anderson recommends that businesses work with reliable suppliers in times of emergencies.
10. Julie Swann suggests that good planning can save money during storms.
11. After Hurricane Helene, companies like Home Depot and Lowe's did not provide assistance.
12. Having strong connections with competitors is not essential for businesses during emergencies.

### Gap-Fill

13. According to meteorologists, Hurricane Milton is expected to hit Florida's west coast on \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Hurricane Milton had winds of 180 miles per hour on Monday, reaching \_\_\_\_\_ status.
15. Experts estimate that Hurricane Milton could cost between \$ \_\_\_\_\_ billion in damage.
16. Julie Swann suggests that businesses should prepare for more storms due to \_\_\_\_\_ change.
17. It is crucial for businesses to have strong connections with suppliers and even \_\_\_\_\_ during emergencies.
18. Lisa Anderson recommends that businesses treat suppliers as \_\_\_\_\_, not just vendors.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Hurricane Milton 2. Category 3 or 4 3. \$50-175 billion 4. Lisa Anderson 5. Hurricane Helene



6. Julie Swann

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. True 11. False 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. Wednesday 14. Category 5 15. 50-175 16. climate 17. competitors 18. partners

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is the least amount required?

Option: A. Maximum

Option: B. Optimum

Option: C. Minimum

Option: D. Average

2. What is a severe tropical storm?

Option: A. Blizzard

Option: B. Monsoon

Option: C. Typhoon

Option: D. Hurricane

3. Who establishes a company?

Option: A. Investor

Option: B. CEO

Option: C. Shareholder

Option: D. Founder

4. Situations requiring immediate action are called?

Option: A. Disasters

Option: B. Contingencies

Option: C. Emergencies

Option: D. Crises

5. What is something of great worth?

Option: A. Ordinary

Option: B. Inexpensive

Option: C. Common

Option: D. Valuable

6. What refers to the scientific knowledge used in practical ways?

Option: A. Machinery

Option: B. Technology



Option: C. Equipment

Option: D. Tools

7. Assistance or encouragement is known as?

Option: A. Denial

Option: B. Support

Option: C. Opposition

Option: D. Disapproval

8. Who studies weather patterns and makes forecasts?

Option: A. Geologists

Option: B. Astronomers

Option: C. Biologists

Option: D. Meteorologists

9. Who is the highest-ranking executive in a company?

Option: A. Manager

Option: B. CFO

Option: C. CTO

Option: D. CEO

10. Which gemstone is the hardest natural material?

Option: A. Ruby

Option: B. Sapphire

Option: C. Emerald

Option: D. Diamond

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. Rolex watches are known for being very \_\_\_\_\_ .

12. It is important to maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ between work and personal life.

13. The company plans to \_\_\_\_\_ its market share by 20% next year.

14. Elon Musk is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ entrepreneur for his innovative ideas.

15. Cybersecurity measures are essential to prevent data \_\_\_\_\_ .

16. The traditional wedding \_\_\_\_\_ was held in a beautiful garden.



17. It is the duty of the security guard to \_\_\_\_\_ the premises from unauthorized access.
18. The water in the lake was so cold it felt like \_\_\_\_\_ temperatures.
19. The new computer software provides many \_\_\_\_\_ features for the users.
20. The CCTV cameras are used to \_\_\_\_\_ activity around the building.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Employees receive payment for their work known as salaries or wages.
22. Anxiety or worry about something troubling is termed as concerns.
23. Having links or relationships with people or organizations is referred to as connections.
24. Grouping objects or individuals based on shared characteristics defines a category.
25. Companies or individuals providing goods or services to other businesses are called suppliers.
26. Guiding or directing a group of people towards a common goal is known as leadership.
27. A chest of drawers or a government office or department can be referred to as a bureau.
28. The distinct characteristics or personality that defines an individual is their identity.
29. Maintaining stability or equilibrium between different factors is keeping a balance.
30. To safeguard from harm or damage is to protect.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. C. Minimum 2. D. Hurricane 3. D. Founder 4. C. Emergencies 5. D. Valuable 6. B. Technology 7. B. Support 8. D. Meteorologists 9. D. CEO 10. D. Diamond

**Gap-Fill:** 11. expensive 12. balance 13. increase 14. visionary 15. breaches 16. ceremony 17. protect 18. freezing 19. practical 20. monitor

**Matching sentence:** 1. Wages 2. Concerns 3. Connections 4. Category 5. Suppliers 6. Leadership 7. Bureau 8. Identity 9. Balance 10. Protect

**CATEGORY**

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