

Make a Choice!

Imagine you have survived the Galveston Hurricane, and you are living in the destroyed city. Would you choose to rebuild the city or move somewhere else? Write your reason for wanting to rebuild or move away. Then write three sentences trying to convince other people to join you.



BREAKING NEWS

Hurricane Destroys Galveston!

I choose to (rebuild /
move away) because

You should join me because:

1. _____

2. _____

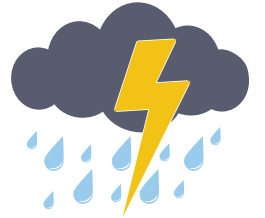
3. _____

Check for Understanding

- Have you ever had to deal with a bully like Gordon? What advice would you give to Charlie to help him with the situation?
- Weather prediction is much more advanced now than it was in 1900. What are some things people do to prepare for hurricanes now?



The year is 1900, and Charlie lives in Galveston, Texas's richest and most important city. Weather forecasters say a hurricane could never hit Galveston. So when a storm starts brewing, people gather on the beach to cheer the wild waves. But soon, the weather turns into a nightmare as those waves crash into the city. What will happen as Charlie battles the treacherous waters to make sure his neighbors are safe?



? Before reading, you could ask ...

What facts do you know about hurricanes?

This book takes place over 120 years ago. What do you know about life during that time? What questions do you have about that period in history?

What do you notice on the front cover of this book that might give you a clue about the story?

October Family Reading Tip of the Month: Create a Home Library

Did you know that children who have easy access to books are more likely to read? Keep books in various areas of your house, and take some with you so a book is always available.

You can:

- Borrow books from the public library often.
- Swap books with friends and family.
- Collect books from second-hand stores, garage sales, and bookstores.

Easy access to books will help your child develop a love of reading!



Match the Root

A **root word** is the base part of a word that cannot be broken into smaller parts. Look at the selection of **root words** and their meanings below. Find the appropriate **root word** to match with each picture, and write it next to its *prefix*. What new words did you discover?

Root	Meaning
port	carry
phobe	irrational fear or hatred
script	to write
spect	to observe

Prefixes are added to the start of a root word and change the meaning of that word.



<p>1. trans _____</p>	<p>2. manu _____</p>
<p>3. in _____</p>	<p>4. techno _____</p>

Answer Key

1. transport

2. manuscript

3. inspect

4. technophobe

New and Interesting Words

Try adding these new and interesting words to your vocabulary. How many of these new words can you add to your conversations?



raging
(p. 1)

When you describe something as **raging**, you are describing something that is strong, violent, and intense. The dangerous flood waters **raged** around Charlie. Finish this sentence:

The **raging** wild animal _____
_____.

churning
(p. 1)

A liquid that is **churning** is moving around violently. The flood waters **churn** violently around Charlie and sweep him away. Can you demonstrate a **churning** motion with your arms and hands?

sputtered
(p. 2)

When someone **sputters**, they spit and make noises with their mouth. When Charlie is dunked under the waves, he comes up **sputtering** and gasping for air. Have you ever **sputtered**? How did it make you feel?

monstrous
(p. 3)

If something is described as **monstrous**, that means it is extremely large and unpleasant. The **monstrous** waves destroyed the city of Galveston. Draw something that you would find **monstrous**.

