





## Talk About It

What happens when a powerful storm strikes? How can people stay safe during a big storm?



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# Wild Weather

## Vocabulary

violent  
beware  
prevent  
uprooted  
destroy  
grasslands



## Word Parts

A **compound word** is a word that is made up of two smaller words.

grass + lands =  
*grasslands*



# Wild Weather Hits Florida

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**H**urricane Charley hit Florida in 2004. It was a **violent** storm that caused a lot of damage.

News reports told people in Florida to **beware** of the storm. People had to watch out for heavy rains and strong winds. Some people tried to make sure that their homes were safe. They covered their windows with wooden boards. The boards **prevent** windows from breaking.

Heavy rains dumped water everywhere and caused floods. Powerful winds **uprooted** trees.



The trees were blown over and the roots came out of the ground. Strong winds were even able to **destroy** houses. Some were completely flattened. Hurricane Charley also damaged crops. Luckily it did not hurt any of the cows in the **grasslands**. Farmers took the animals off the grassy fields in time.

## Reread for Comprehension



### Reread

### Make and Confirm Predictions

Rereading an article can help you confirm predictions, or check guesses you made, about what will happen later in the article. Reread the article and use the chart to make and confirm predictions about the weather.

What I Predict	What Happens