**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Milton**

**Voor de docent**

Orkaan op orkaan raast over delen van Florida. De nieuwste, orkaan Milton, was onheilspellend sterk.

**ERK-niveau – Lezen B2**

Oriënterend lezen: Kan snel lange, complexe teksten doorlezen en de relevante details vinden. (LEB2-2a)

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

*Parts of Florida were hit by Hurricane Milton just two weeks after Hurricane Helene raged there.*

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a How many different hurricane categories are there?

b Name at least two other natural disasters.

**Milton**

Hurricane Milton has hit Florida. It brought strong winds, tornadoes and flooding.

It has weakend, but the situation is still dangerous.

[In this article, Floridians share their stories](https://www.npr.org/2024/10/10/nx-s1-5148946/florida-hurricane-milton-damage-sarasota-siesta-key).

Assignment 2

Read the text. Find (and mark) the following words in the text:

*lengthy – (to) evacuate – washer – (to) rebuild – relieved – disastrous – making landfall – cautioned – debris – (to) survey – power saws – marina – major – docks – overnight*

Match the above words and expressions with their correct definitions.

a to build something again after it has been damaged

b during the night

c electric tools for cutting wood

d happy because something bad has not happened or has stopped

e lasting for a long time

f long wooden platforms that are built out into water; used as a place to get on, get off, or tie up a boat

g to look over and check

h machine used for washing clothes

i the pieces that are left after something has been destroyed

j reaching land after being at or over sea

k really bad, terrible, tragic

l to remove people from a dangerous place to a safe place

m a small harbour for private boats

n very big

o warned

Assignment 3

a True or false?

1 Rick Conflitti and his girlfriend decided not to evacuate.

2 Rick Conflitti and his girlfriend live in a house made of wood.

3 Hurricane Milton is the worst hurricane Rick Conflitti has ever seen.

4 Marilyn Keemer and her husband lost power and the floors in their were flooded.

5 Hurricane Milton became less strong before it reached land.

6 It will take a long time before the people in Florida have rebuild and repaired everything.

b Which words describe the emotions people felt? Choose all correct answers.

1 honestly

2 relieved

3 disastrous

4 shocked

5 thankful

c For each word you chose in question **b**, write down if it describes a positive or a negative emotion.

d “This is a first-class marina, but ***it*** just goes to show you the strength of a hurricane,”   
said John Ahern.  
What does ***it*** refer to in John’s statement?

1 The crowds of people who took photos and videos of the boats and ships thrown on land.

2 The dock where John Ahern was walking his dog the day after the hurricane made landfall.

3 The fact that the winds were so strong that even large boats were thrown out of the water.

4 The strong wind that pushed Indigo through Bayfront Park into town.