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1. Combine the following into a thesis statement. **(3-4 sentences)**

- Popular all year.
- Large cities near the ocean.
- Many activities.
- The beach is the best place to live.



2. Read the following thesis statement and answer the questions. **(1 sentence each)**

Hurricanes are massive, violent storms that form over the ocean under certain conditions. They consist of destructive winds, heavy rain, and large ocean swells. To minimize damage caused by a hurricane, every household needs to take necessary measures.

- a) What is the thesis?
- b) What are three ideas the author should use to prove the thesis?

3. Explain why, when, or how each of these professions use thesis statements in their work. **(1 sentence each)**

- a) The President campaigning for re-election.
- b) A lawyer in a courtroom.
- c) A salesperson at a trade show.

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a) What is the thesis? *Every home needs to be prepared for hurricanes.*

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have an emergency plan for pets, store food & water, check flashlights and candles

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c) A salesperson at a trade show. *Show clients the benefits of their product.*

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We take care of our health every day in many ways. It may be as simple as wearing shoes on our feet to washing hands. Staying healthy helps keep germs and illnesses away. Perhaps, the most important part of hygiene is brushing our teeth.