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REWRITE • Read this interview with a meteorologist. Rewrite his answers as indirect speech. Change verb tenses when possible.

1. Q: A hurricane is just a bad storm, right?

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2. Q: We seem to be having more of these big storms.

A: It's true, and they will probably become more frequent.

3. Q: Why is that?

A: The planet may be getting warmer, and that can cause more severe storms.

4. Q: What went wrong after the last storm?

A: Emergency workers should have arrived much more quickly.

5. Q: Is there an upside to all this?

A: The new satellites will help. If we didn't have them, we wouldn't be able to warn people.

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EDIT • Read Rita's e-mail to her friend Emily. Find and correct twelve mistakes in the use of reported speech. The first mistake is already corrected.

Re: Hurricane

We had some excitement here because of the hurricane last week. Jim's mother called just before the storm. She said she ^{was} ~~is~~ listening to the weather report and that she was worried about us. She told Jim that if you two weren't so stubborn, we will pack up and leave immediately. Jim's father told us how to get ready for the storm. He said we should have put tape on our windows right now and that we ought to fill the bathtub with water. He also told Jim that we should buy a lot of batteries before the storm hit tonight. Sue called. She said that her place was too close to the coast and that she couldn't stay here. She told me I wanted to stay with me and Jim. She said she should called us sooner. I told her she should come right now. Then we listened to the weather advisory, and the forecaster said that the storm is going to go out to sea. She said it won't hit this area at all!