# Vocabulary

mystery science

## Lesson: How can you save a town from a hurricane?

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| **budget** | the amount of money you have to spend on something |
| **constraint** | something that limits what you can do, like time, money, or materials |
| **elevation** | the height of something |
| **engineer** | a person who uses science to come up with solutions to problems |
| **evaporation** | the process of a liquid changing to a gas |
| **flood** | an overflow of water |
| **hurricane** | a type of windstorm that starts as a smaller storm over the ocean |
| **levee** | a barrier built to prevent an overflow of water from a river |
| **natural disaster** | the harmful impacts on humans that happen because of a natural hazard, such as a landslide, earthquake, hurricane, or wildfire |
| **natural hazard** | an event in nature (such as a landslide, earthquake, hurricane, or wildfire) that can be dangerous to living things |
| **seawall** | a barrier built to prevent an overflow of water from a large body of water, like the ocean |
| **storm surge** | when water levels rise quickly because of a storm |
| **wetland** | a habitat where the land is covered by shallow water, such as a swamp |