

# Wind and Ocean

This is the story of when Wind and Ocean had a little argument.

Now, neither of them could quite remember how it all began or what they were upset about. They were playing together, just like they always do.

Wind would gently tickle Ocean with a soft breeze, and Ocean would respond with gentle waves that rolled in, splashing tiny droplets of water back at Wind. Splash! Wind and Ocean are the best of friends.

But sometimes, just like with all good friends or even siblings, they have disagreements.

Most of the time, the squabbles are over before you know it. But this time, they just couldn't figure out how to work things out. They were both so frustrated with each other. They both needed something different, and they wanted it right away! Each one thought they were right, and the other was wrong.

When a little squabble between Wind and Ocean turns into a big tiff, the grown-ups have a special name for it. They call it a cyclone, or a hurricane in some places.

The Aboriginal people of Australia call it **Burrmalala**. They always know when it's about to happen because they have a special way of looking the natural world.

The birds know. The fish know. If you look up at the sky or out over the water, you will probably be able to tell, too.

Now, back to Wind and Ocean. Both of them were feeling upset and needed to let out their anger.

Ocean started to breathe deeply, swelling up and making big waves. Wind huffed and puffed, blowing everything in its path.

They both have quite the temper!

The grown-ups and children know that when Wind and Ocean are having a disagreement, it's best to stay inside, maybe with a warm cup of tea or a mug of hot chocolate and enjoy some quiet time with family.

The birds and animals do the same – they snuggle up under branches, inside thick bushes, or find shelter in tree hollows.

Yes, it can get messy, loud, and a little scary at times. But we know it's only a matter of time before Wind and Ocean work things out and go back to being the best of friends again.