



WORKSHEET

Unit 5_Extreme weather

Tornado Trouble

Tornadoes happen all over the world. They are spinning columns of air that come from thunderstorms. The most dangerous tornadoes are very fast. In ten minutes they can break windows, lift trees, and throw cars into the air.

Josh Wurman is a scientist who studies tornadoes. He tries to predict them so that he and his team can save lives. One day Josh Wurman watched a tornado in Tornado Alley. It was amazing. First, the blue sky turned black. Then a big cloud came toward him and the team. The cloud had winds that moved in a circle. When the cloud touched the ground, it became a tornado.



Inside his truck, Wurman watched from a safe distance. The tornado twisted and turned for half an hour. It moved one way, then another way. It looked like a big, gray elephant's trunk. Then suddenly, it leaned over like a soft rope. Poof! It was gone.

I. How does a tornado form? Put the steps in the correct order.

- ☒ 1 The cloud had winds that moved in a circle.
- ☐ 2 The tornado leaned over like a soft rope.
- ☐ 3 The tornado twisted and turned. It moved one way, then another way.
- ☐ 4 The tornado disappeared.
- ☐ 5 The cloud became a tornado when it touched the ground.

II. Choose T (True) or F (False).

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| 1. The passage is about tornadoes around the world. | T | F |
| 2. The most dangerous tornadoes can break things in one minute. | T | F |
| 3. Josh Wurman's work is very helpful for humans. | T | F |
| 4. The cloud became a tornado before the blue sky turned black. | T | F |
| 5. Wurman watched the tornado when he was near it. | T | F |

III. Fill in ONE missing word.

1. Tornadoes are spinning columns of that come from thunderstorms.
2. Most dangerous tornadoes are very
3. Tornadoes can windows, lift trees, and throw cars into the air.