4 EXTREME WEATHER

VOCABULARY Extreme weather

1 Write the words from the box under the pictures.

earthquake flood lightning snowstorm tornado


1 _____


2 _____


3 _____


4 _____


5 _____

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

blow fall pour rise shake

1 The wind is _____ so hard. I think the roof might come off our house!
2 I think there was an earthquake yesterday because the ground _____ for a few seconds.
3 The rain _____ for hours yesterday. I thought there might be a flood.
4 The big tree in our garden _____ down in the winter storms.
5 The level of the water in the river always _____ when it rains a lot.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in Exercises 1 and 2.

1 I hate it when there's a _____ – there's water everywhere.
2 The _____ was like something out of a film – the wind was lifting everything up.
3 Oh look! That girl's hat is going to _____ away.
4 My grandfather loves watching the _____ in the sky during a storm.
5 Have you got an umbrella? It's going to _____ with rain later today.
6 Look at this line. It shows how high the river can _____ when it rains a lot.

4 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

1 There was a terrible *flood* / *lightening* last year. The whole village was under water.
2 Have you ever seen a *tornado* / *flood* moving across the desert? It's amazing how fast they can go.
3 The wind's *pouring* / *blowing* quite strongly. I don't think we should go climbing today.
4 The level of the river *rose* / *poured* quickly because it was raining so hard.
5 Wow! That *lightning* / *tornado* during the storm last night was amazing! I could see the whole street even though it was dark.
6 It's *blowing* / *pouring* with rain. Let's stay in and watch a film.



LIVEWORKSHEETS

READING

1 **Read the article quickly, ignoring the gaps. Which text message do you think the girl in paragraph 3 sent her friend the next day?**

1 Wow! That was a crazy day yesterday!

2 The forecast predicted a sunny day. I wanted to swim.

3 Grandma and I found some amazing plants for sale.

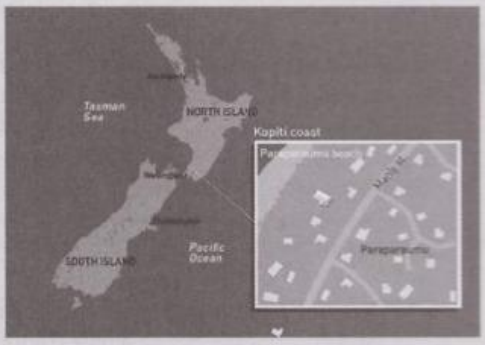
2 **Look at the sentences with gaps in the article. What kind of word is missing from each sentence: a verb or an adjective?**

KAPITI MINI TORNADO

At about 2 pm yesterday, high winds destroyed houses and trees as bad weather hit the Kapiti coast in New Zealand.

The mini tornado was a frightening event that started with rain and wind. The wind blew [1]_____, the sky went a strange colour and huge balls of ice [2]_____ from the sky. This [3]_____ a lot of cars and buildings, and the wind began to [4]_____ the roofs off the houses.

One girl, whose grandfather is the owner of a shop selling things for the garden, was helping her grandmother to [5]_____ plants back inside the main building when it was hit by the tornado. Fortunately, she was not hurt, though she was very scared by what happened.



The whole area was [6]_____ with no power for a long time, and many buildings needed repairs afterwards.

PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading Part 5

3 **Read the article and choose the correct answer.**

1	A heavier	B thicker	C harder	D darker
2	A pulled	B broke	C passed	D fell
3	A damaged	B hurt	C injured	D lost
4	A hold	B lift	C climb	D rise
5	A turn	B stay	C move	D keep
6	A left	B remained	C held	D dropped

4 **Match the highlighted words and phrases in the article to the meanings.**

1 damaged so much that it does not exist or cannot be used
2 strong
3 something you do to fix something that is broken or damaged
4 making you feel nervous or afraid

EXAM TIPS

- Read the text through to get a good idea of what it is about.
- Look at the four options for each gap and think about which word fits best.

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