

MIDTERM READING TEST - 01

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1. Complete the posts with the words in the box and the past continuous of the verbs in parentheses.

drought earthquakes eclipse flood
hurricane lightning rainbow thunderstorm

Weird Weather Website

- a** Yesterday, there was an _____. It was really strange. When the sun went behind the moon, the temperature dropped for a few minutes. We _____ (watch) it in our yard with a special protective m_____. It was amazing. BTW, I read a theory that this causes _____. Did anybody feel the ground move?
- b** During the first few months of this year there was a _____. There was no water, so the plants _____ (not grow). I work in agriculture, so I really depend on the weather. I won't make much money this year.
- c** There was a _____ in my town last night. There's a lot of water damage to buildings and possessions. Thankfully, I _____ (stay) with my grandparents, so I didn't have to move, but my neighbors had to leave their houses in the middle of the night.
- d** I love photography and I _____ (play) with my new camera the other afternoon when suddenly the sky went dark. There were these huge black clouds and a few hours later, a _____ started. I took some photos of the _____ hitting the ground. They're great photos. I'll post some.
- e** I _____ (watch) TV last night. It was a program about _____ Katrina in New Orleans. It was terrible. We don't get weather like that here, in fact, it _____ (rain) a few moments ago and now the sun is out and there's a beautiful _____.



2. Order this story, 1–4



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3. Match titles a–d

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- a** ART HISTORY
- b** Do you want to get in shape?
- c** *Healthy cooking for less money*
- d** Manage your money