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TORNADOES

Have you ever been in a tornado? Have you heard about a tornado? Tornadoes are defined as a rotating column of air. A tornado can be weak, strong, or violent. Most tornadoes are weak. Only 30% become strong or violent tornadoes. A tornado usually comes down from a funnel-shaped cloud. The wind of a tornado can move as quickly as 110 to 200 mph.

Sometimes a tornado is called a twister. Some people like to chase tornadoes. They use equipment to measure how fast the tornado is moving. Unless you are an expert, you should never chase a tornado. You should not even get in a car during a tornado. The tornado can pick up a car and toss it aside.

What should you do to be safe in a tornado? A tornado can toss and throw things all over. It is important to get to a shelter. A tornado shelter might be in a basement or underground. The shelter needs to be sturdy and not a building that can be torn down by the intense winds of a tornado. Stay away from any windows or doors. Protect yourself from flying debris. All of these things can help you stay safe.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. A likely reason people are fascinated with tornadoes is because . . .
 - a. it is not known how they are made.
 - b. they are a powerful force.
 - c. it is a predictable weather pattern.
 - d. it easy to follow a tornado.
2. Which of the following would be the best place to be during a tornado?
 - a. in a strong building
 - b. in a car
 - c. in a tent
 - d. under a desk
3. What is a reason to stay away from windows during a tornado?
 - a. to avoid feeling the intense wind
 - b. to avoid getting hit from flying debris
 - c. to avoid being seen by the tornado
 - d. to stay warm during the cold winds of the tornado
4. The tornado has different names such as . . .
 - a. storm.
 - b. disturbance.
 - c. twister.