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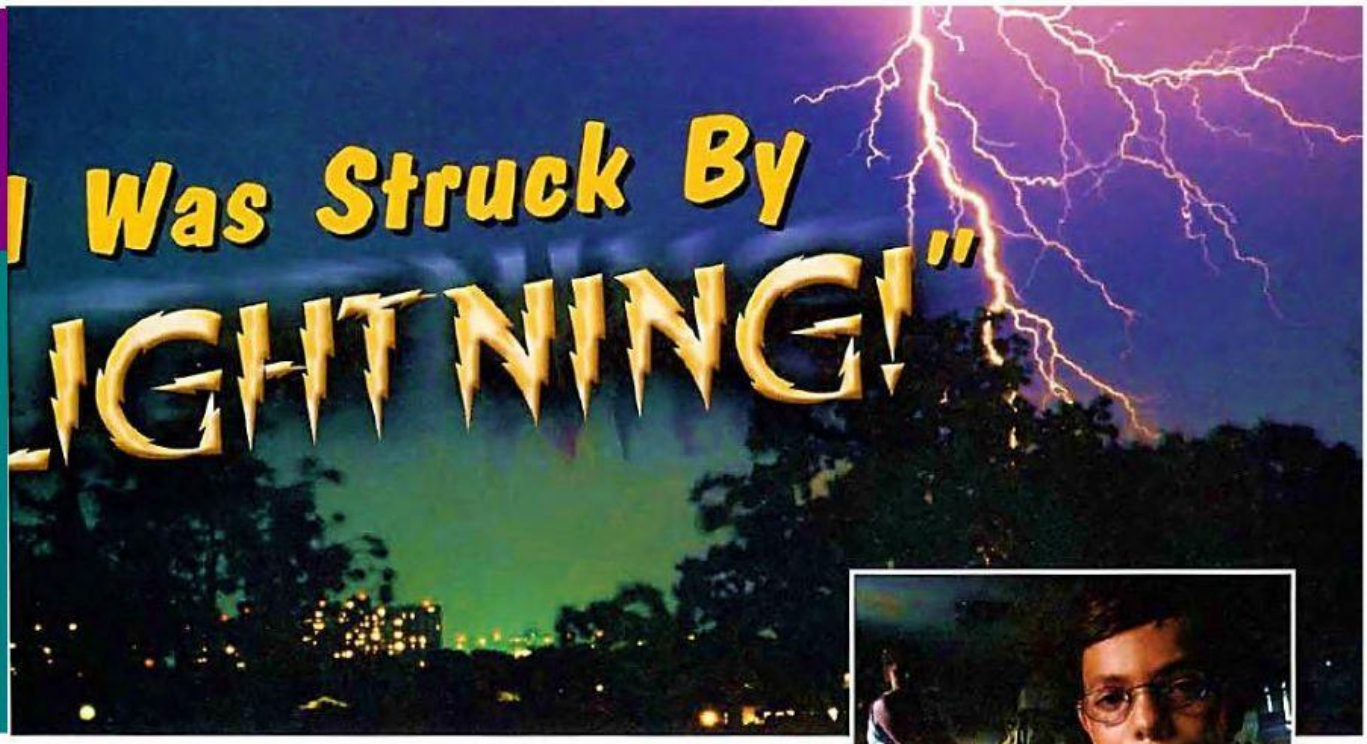

"I woke up about a minute later and my mom told me I had been struck by lightning."

—*Geoff Banninger*

On a sunny afternoon in 2004, nine-year-old Geoff Banninger was walking to a park in Colorado to see his sister play softball. But before he got to the park, Geoff was struck[1] by lightning.

The lightning stopped Geoff's heart and his breathing. It burned his hair and left a burn line from his head to his foot. It blew his glasses off his face and melted[2] them. It even made a hole in the bottom of his shoe. "I woke up about a minute later," says Geoff, "and my mom told me I had been struck by lightning."

What is lightning? A lightning strike is the result of a buildup of electrical charges[3] inside a cloud. We usually see lightning during stormy weather. But, as Geoff discovered, it can happen even on a sunny day.

Geoff's legs felt strange after he was hit, but he hasn't had any further problems since then. "I'm a lucky guy," he says. But being lucky is not the only way to ensure your safety during a thunderstorm. You can also follow the 30/30 rule: if you see lightning, and then hear thunder less than 30 seconds later, go inside a building. Then wait 30 minutes after the last thunder or lightning before you go back outside.

So how likely is it you will be hit by lightning? Fortunately,[4] it's not a common problem. According to the U.S. National Weather Service, your chance of being struck in your lifetime is only 1 in 5,000.

[1] If you are **struck** by something, it means you have been hit by it.
[2] When something **melts**, it changes from solid to liquid, usually because it has been heated.
[3] An electrical **charge** is an amount of electricity that is held in or carried by something.
[4] If someone or something is **fortunate**, they are lucky.

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# Reading Comprehension

**A. Multiple Choice.** Choose the best answer for each question.

Detail **1.** Which sentence about Geoff Banninger is NOT true?
a. The lightning stopped his breathing.
b. The lightning burned his hair.
c. The lightning left a line around his shoe.
d. The lightning stopped his heart.

Inference **2.** Which of the following is probably true?
a. Geoff remembers being struck by lightning.
b. When Geoff was struck by lightning, his mother was nearby.
c. Geoff's sister saw him get hit.
d. Geoff believes he has a very unlucky life.

Reference **3.** In line 14, the word *it* refers to _____.
a. stormy weather
b. cloudy weather
c. a lightning strike
d. a sunny day

Detail **4.** According to the 30/30 rule, you should go inside a building _____.
a. when thunder and lightning are less than 30 seconds apart
b. at least 30 minutes after the last thunder or lightning
c. when you see lightning, but don't hear thunder
d. any time you hear thunder and see lightning

Main Idea **5.** What is the main idea of the last paragraph?
a. Most people are never struck by lightning.
b. It's common to be struck by lightning.
c. It's fortunate if you are struck by lightning.
d. Lightning usually strikes in the afternoon or early evening.

**B. Matching.** What is the main idea of each paragraph in the reading? Match each heading (**a–e**) with the correct paragraph.

| Paragraph | | Heading |
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| **1.** (from line 1) | ____ | **a.** How to Stay Safe During a Thunderstorm |
| **2.** (from line 5) | ____ | **b.** Will You Be Struck by Lightning? |
| **3.** (from line 11) | ____ | **c.** The Day Geoff Banninger Was Struck by Lightning |
| **4.** (from line 15) | ____ | **d.** Why Do We Have Lightning? |
| **5.** (from line 23) | ____ | **e.** What Happened When Geoff Was Struck? |

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