DAILY Warm-Up 12

Name _____ Date _____

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.

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