

1. Circle the words containing a silent letter.

The reporter stood dumbstruck looking at a scene of houses on the ledge of a chasm and gnarled trees wedged between blocks of a shattered bridge.

2. What is the meaning of this sentence?

The weather service jumped the gun when it issued the tornado warning.

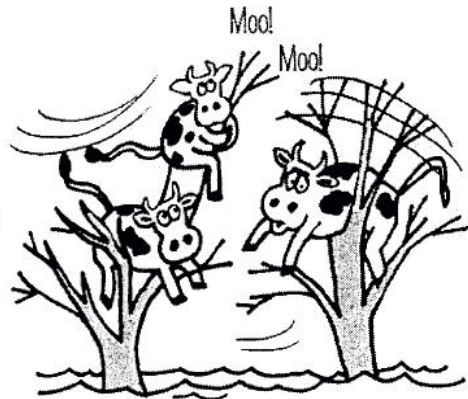
3. Choose the correct label for this sentence.

When tornado season arrives, we put flashlights in the basement and stock up on food and water.

- ☐ compound ☐ complex
☐ compound-complex

4. A reporter stands in front of a TV camera describing everything that is happening as the camera films a hurricane swirling around the reporter. What would be the point of view of this report?

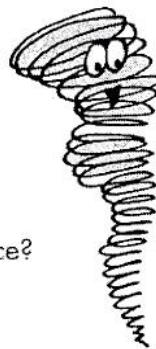
5. Why are the cows in the treetops?



Thursday's tornado actually picked up a herd of cows and left them stranded in trees. Thankfully, the treetops were sturdy enough to hold the cows.

1. Circle letters that should be capitals.

colombian coffee
mother nature
renaissance art
sir frances frieze



2. How many adjectives are in the sentence?

The fastest winds in the solar system blow fiercely at 1,500 miles per hour.

3. What is the meaning of the word **adroit**?

4. Which words would be found on a dictionary page with guide words **tornado** and **toss-up**?

- ☐ torment ☐ topiary ☐ torpedo
☐ torrid ☐ total ☐ torque

5. Rewrite the passage to eliminate excess ideas or words.

There is an area in the United States named "Tornado Alley." This is called "Tornado Alley" because the conditions in the area are just right for spawning tornados. In the U.S., tornados form in places where there is a lot of moist, wet warm air in huge amounts from the Gulf of Mexico. That is what is necessary for a tornado to form.

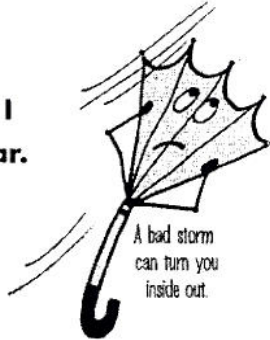
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1. Which words are antonyms for **monumental**?
☐ infinitesimal ☐ obstreperous ☐ miniscule

2. Circle the clause in the sentence.
 Tell what kind of clause it is.

That's the worst storm that I have seen in this area so far.

3. Correct the misspelled words.
 decision musichian
 frivolous ingeneous



4. Which examples contain a simile?
 a. My little brother is a raging tornado.
 b. I'm buried in a blizzard of homework.
 c. Taking a math test is like having a tooth pulled.
 d. Writing a poem is like trying to stand up in a windstorm.

5. Label each sentence in the paragraph **F** for fact or **O** for opinion.

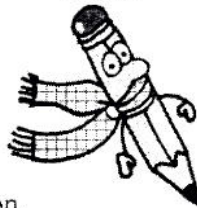
Tornados form where there are large, quickly-rising swells of warm, moist air. The movement of the air upwards causes a rotation. When the air rotates intensely, it turns into a tornado—a spiraling, whirling mass. If you are smart, you will have removed yourself from the area before this happens. In fact, if you are really smart, you will stay completely away from areas where tornados can develop.

Name _____

1. Write the sentence correctly.
 I don't know of no area that gets more snowfall than Mt. Rainier, Washington.

2. Write a word (with a prefix) meaning
 A. to act between
 B. not typical
 C. having equal sides

Good advice.



3. Correct the capitalization and punctuation.
The greatest depth of snow measured was found at tamarac California usa the measurement was taken in march 1911.

4. Write a paraphrase of the information in 5.

5. Where is the best place to be outdoors during a tornado?

Tornado Safety Tips

Keep a supply of food, water, batteries, bedding, and flashlights in your basement or first floor.

If you see a tornado coming or hear a warning signal, take cover immediately.

Take shelter in the lowest part of a building.

Stay away from doors and windows.

Do not stay in your car.

If you are outside, get under a bridge or in a ditch.

Name _____

Read

1. What percentage of the continent of Australia gets less than ten inches of rain a year?
a. about 10% b. less than 50% c. more than 50% d. exactly 50%
2. Is the east coast of Australia one of the wetter or drier areas of the continent?
3. Which cities receive more rain in a year than Sydney?
4. Draw a conclusion about the amount of rain in the northern part of the continent (in comparison to the southern part).
5. What is the meaning of the stripes on the map?



AVERAGE RAINFALL IN AUSTRALIA



Write

Write a short weather comment in each of the talk balloons. Use hyperbole as a part of all the reports.

Yesterday, the hail was as large as

It rained so hard that

The storm last night

Last week's weather was so hot

The fog today is so thick that

The wind is like

It is so cold that