

Knowledge Is Power

Brian is almost killed, and his shelter and belongings are destroyed by a tornado. Tornadoes are common in the United States; in fact, they are more common in the United States than any other place. Every year people are killed, and property is destroyed by tornadoes. Little or nothing can be done to save property from being destroyed, but lives can be saved if people have knowledge about tornadoes and what to do if they are in one. Gather information about tornadoes and answer the following questions. An additional activity would be to collect pictures of tornadoes and their destruction, or to draw a picture showing a tornado.

1. What is a tornado?

A tornado is a violent rotating column of air extending from a thunderstorm to the ground.

2. How fast are the winds inside a tornado spinning?

The winds inside a tornado spinning is 60 mph per hour.

3. How wide can a tornado be at the ground?

The tornadoes can be at the ground for 5 miles.

4. In simple terms, how is a tornado created?

Tornadoes are usually born from thunderstorms.

5. In what two ways does a tornado cause damage to property?

One way is exposure to extreme wind. The second way is impact by flying debris.

6. About how fast does a tornado travel across the ground?

A tornado travels 10-20 miles per hour.

7. According to the weather experts, what should you do if a tornado comes? Include ideas for being in different locations such as in your home, in the open, or in a car.

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