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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following events happens last?
 - Ⓐ Temperature and moisture levels balance.
 - Ⓑ Warm air mixes with cold air.
 - Ⓒ The air begins to spin.
 - Ⓓ A funnel is formed.
2. Which word means *to spin*?
 - Ⓐ atmosphere
 - Ⓑ funnel
 - Ⓒ rotate
 - Ⓓ struck
3. What conclusion can you draw from the section titled "Tornado Safety"?
 - Ⓐ Tornadoes are boring.
 - Ⓑ Tornadoes are unpredictable.
 - Ⓒ Tornadoes are harmless.
 - Ⓓ Tornadoes are rare.
4. What happens to funnels that touch the ground?
 - Ⓐ They disappear.
 - Ⓑ They become tornadoes.
 - Ⓒ They open up the ground.
 - Ⓓ They become funnel guides.
5. Which of the following is a similarity shared by Nebraska and Kansas?
 - Ⓐ Both are in the central part of the country.
 - Ⓑ Both are in the southern part of the country.
 - Ⓒ Both are in the eastern part of the country.
 - Ⓓ Both are in the northern part of the country.
6. Which of the following is an opinion from the book?
 - Ⓐ There is no way to be sure that a tornado will strike.
 - Ⓑ Tornadoes form after warm and cold air mix.
 - Ⓒ We don't know what is inside a tornado.
 - Ⓓ Tornadoes are amazing.

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7. What is one effect of the work done by the NWS?
 - Ⓐ Tornadoes can be stopped.
 - Ⓑ Tornadoes are safe.
 - Ⓒ People are warned about tornadoes.
 - Ⓓ An underground city appears.
8. What is the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ Tornadoes are wonders of nature.
 - Ⓑ Tornadoes are found all over the world.
 - Ⓒ Tornadoes are harmless to humans.
 - Ⓓ Humans can explain everything about tornadoes.
9. Which of the following details from the book are examples of **damage**?
 - Ⓐ fast speeds and long distances
 - Ⓑ spinning air
 - Ⓒ layer of gases
 - Ⓓ crushed cars and homes destroyed
10. Why does the author say "lie down flat on the ground, away far away from trees" during a tornado?
 - Ⓐ to persuade readers to dig up trees
 - Ⓑ to entertain readers with scary stories
 - Ⓒ to inform readers that trees are dangerous in tornadoes
 - Ⓓ to explain how a tornado forms
11. **Extended Response:** How do you think the author feels about tornadoes?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Tornadoes

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
2. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
6. Ⓓ *Fact or Opinion*
7. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
11. Answers will vary but should express the author's feelings that tornadoes are destructive and mysterious.