



TOPIC: Reading Comprehension

WORKSHEET - 5

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Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Tornadoes

A tornado is a fast-spinning column of air that touches both the ground and a cloud above it. Tornadoes form during very strong thunderstorms. When warm, moist air meets cool, dry air, the warm air rises quickly. If the winds in the storm start to spin, they can create a funnel-shaped cloud. When this funnel reaches the ground, it becomes a tornado.

Tornadoes can move across the land at different speeds. Some travel slowly, while others move faster than a car on a highway. They can destroy houses, uproot trees, and lift heavy objects into the air. Some tornadoes are so powerful that they can pick up cars or tear roofs off buildings. Others may be weaker and cause only small amounts of damage.

Because tornadoes are dangerous, weather scientists, called meteorologists, work hard to predict when they might form. They use radar and special computers to watch storms closely. If a tornado warning is issued, people should go to a safe place, such as a basement or an interior room with no windows.

Even though tornadoes can be powerful, they usually don't last very long. Most tornadoes last only a few minutes. After the storm passes, people work together to clean up damaged areas and help their communities recover. Volunteers, neighbours, and emergency workers all play an important role in helping towns rebuild.

I. Fill in the blanks using appropriate words from the passage.

1. A tornado cloud is usually _____ shaped.

2. The tool that meteorologists use to watch storms closely is a

II. Give one word from the passage that means the following.

1. inside the building, away from the outer walls - _____

2. to pull something, like a tree, out of the ground - _____

III. Answer the following questions in a sentence or two.

1. What two types of air meet to help form tornadoes?

Ans: _____

2. What is one difference between strong and weak tornadoes?

Ans: _____

3. What should people do when a tornado warning is given?

Ans: _____

IV. Complete the following sentences

1. After a tornado, people

2. Tornadoes usually form _____
