

Read the article “When It Snows” before answering Numbers 1 through 10.

When It Snows

Does it snow where you live? In many places, it snows every winter. White snowflakes fall from the sky. They cover the land.

What Is Snow?

Like rain, snow starts as tiny water droplets in the clouds. If it is cold enough, the water droplets freeze. Tiny pieces of ice form. The small pieces of ice join together. Soon they make a snowflake.

Snow Falls From Clouds

Like raindrops, snowflakes fall when they get heavy enough. On the way down, they bump into each other. They stick together and grow bigger. Snow may fall straight down. But snowflakes are light. If it is windy, snow will fly all around. And if it is very windy, snow can whip around. Snow absorbs sound. When it snows, things get very quiet. Many people think the look and quiet of falling snow is beautiful.

Snow Fun

Snow can change everything you do. You may put on boots so snow does not get in your shoes. When you walk, you leave footprints. If it is warm enough, the snow melts just a little. It gets heavier and wetter. This makes it easy to press into shapes. Then, you can make snowmen and snow forts.

Snow is slippery! When it snows, you can go sledding. But you do not have to have a sled. A smooth, heavy plastic tray will work. Even cardboard from a box will work. Anything with a smooth bottom will slide down a hill.

You may hike in the snow in snowshoes. If you live near tall hills or mountains, you may ski. It is easy to have fun in the snow.

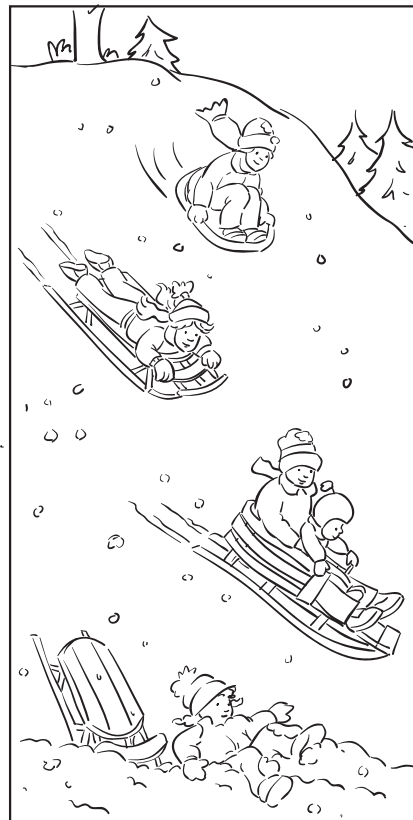
Snow Work

Snow can make some things harder. It is hard to walk in deep snow. It can be hard to see when it is snowing. Your parents need to drive slowly. Cars can slip and slide. Sometimes cars get stuck in deep snow.

A lot of snow can be dangerous. Heavy snow can break electric lines. Tree branches can break, too. Flat roofs with lots of snow on top can fall in.

It is important to clear away snow to stay safe. If snow starts to melt and then freezes again, it turns to ice. Then snow is even more slippery! People use shovels to scoop up snow on sidewalks. Loud snowplows clear the streets. That way it is safer to drive.

Snow can be very fun. It can also make some things hard. Everything outside changes when it snows.



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Now answer Numbers 1 through 10. Base your answers on “When It Snows.”

- 1 What is the MAIN idea of the article?
- Ⓐ Snow changes what we wear.
 - Ⓑ Snow can make some things harder.
 - Ⓒ Everything outside changes when it snows.
 - Ⓓ You may put on boots so snow does not get in your shoes.

- 2 Read this sentence from the article.

Heavy snow can break electric lines.

Which word has the OPPOSITE meaning of the word *heavy*?

- Ⓕ large
 - Ⓖ light
 - Ⓗ slippery
 - Ⓘ white
- 3 Which words from the article are most OPPOSITE in meaning?
- Ⓐ easy/fun
 - Ⓑ slip/slide
 - Ⓒ quiet/beautiful
 - Ⓓ safe/dangerous

- 4 Why is it important to clear snow away?
- Ⓕ Snow is slippery and hard to walk on.
 - Ⓖ It can be hard to see when it is snowing.
 - Ⓗ You can make snowmen and snow forts.
 - Ⓘ Snowflakes are made from tiny pieces of ice.

- 5 Snowflakes fall from
- Ⓐ air.
 - Ⓑ clouds.
 - Ⓒ mountains.
 - Ⓓ snowplows.

- 6 Read this sentence from the article.

Loud snowplows clear the streets.

Which word has the SAME meaning as the word *loud*?

- Ⓕ large
 - Ⓖ little
 - Ⓗ noisy
 - Ⓘ quiet
- 7 Look at the section “Snow Fun.” The author MOST LIKELY wrote this section to
- Ⓐ tell about fun things you can do in snow.
 - Ⓑ tell how snowflakes are fun to watch.
 - Ⓒ explain that snow is slippery.
 - Ⓓ tell readers to wear boots.

- 8 What is the MAIN idea of the third paragraph on page 158?
- Ⓕ It is hard to walk in deep snow.
 - Ⓖ It is hard to drive a car in the snow.
 - Ⓗ Snow can make some things harder.
 - Ⓘ It is hard for your parents to see when it snows.

- 9 Which words from the article are most OPPOSITE in meaning?
- Ⓐ flat/roofs
 - Ⓑ ice/snow
 - Ⓒ lot/break
 - Ⓓ top/bottom

- 10 Read this sentence from the article.

It is hard to walk in deep snow.

Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word *hard* as it is used in this sentence?

- Ⓕ cold
- Ⓖ easy
- Ⓗ fun
- Ⓘ soft

Read the article “The Wild Winds of a Tornado” before answering Numbers 11 through 20.

The Wild Winds of a Tornado

Sometimes big, black clouds build up in the sky. They block the sun, and it gets dark out. The sound of thunder fills the air. Then flashes of light stretch across the sky. Soon rain falls from the black clouds.

Rainstorms like these can be scary. Yet they do not hurt anything. Some storms can change, though. First, winds blow slowly round and round in a circle. Next, they pick up speed and blow more rapidly. Then the winds drop down out of the black clouds. They make a shape that looks like a cone. The storm is now a tornado!

A tornado can be very fierce. It can destroy everything in its path. A tornado can knock trains off the tracks. It can pick up cars. Then it throws the cars back down. A tornado can tear the roof off a house. It can rip trees out of the ground. Falling trees can crash on houses, cars, and fences.

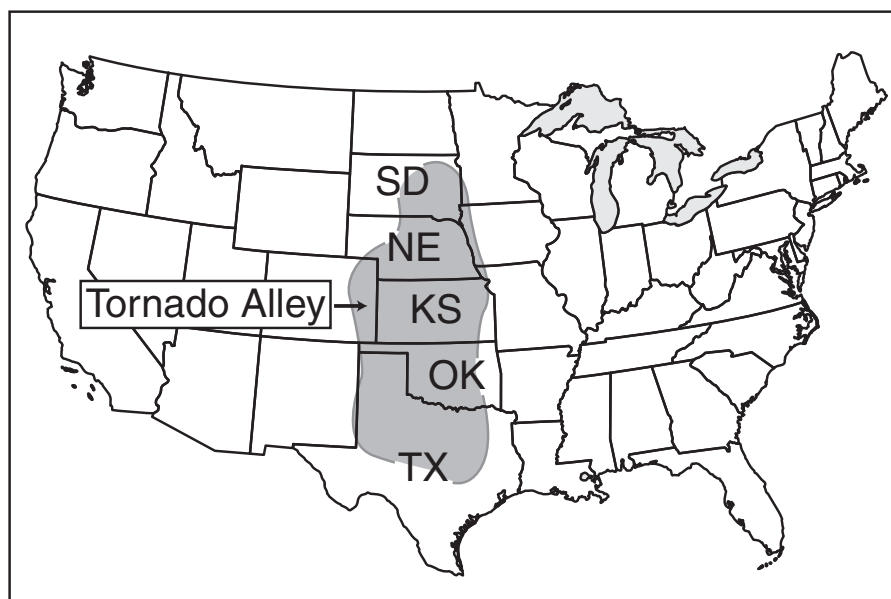
Some tornadoes can last just a few minutes. Others will stay on the ground for a long time. They can move many miles before the winds stop. Then the tornado disappears.

Each tornado may be different. Some storms can have more than one tornado. A group of tornadoes is called a swarm. Some tornadoes are

huge and others are small. Some small tornadoes are stronger than big ones. The winds inside blow harder. They do more to hurt the land than big tornadoes that have lighter winds.

One part of the United States has lots of tornadoes. It is called Tornado Alley. It is in the middle of the country. There are farms and grasslands in Tornado Alley. There are cities, too. People who live there are careful. They listen to the news and watch for signs in the sky. They move quickly before a tornado arrives.

What do people do to stay safe during a tornado? They go inside so they do not get hurt. People go to a basement. If they cannot get to a basement, they sit in the middle of the house. The room should not have windows. Sitting in a bathtub is a good place to be, too. A tub is heavy and hard to move. Knowing what to do can save people's lives.



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Now answer Numbers 11 through 20. Base your answers on “The Wild Winds of a Tornado.”

- 11** What is the MAIN idea of the article?
- Ⓐ Tornado Alley is in the middle of the country.
 - Ⓑ Tornadoes drop down from the black clouds of a rainstorm.
 - Ⓒ A tornado is a strong storm that can destroy things in its path.
 - Ⓓ A bathtub is a safe place to stay when a tornado is on the ground.
- 12** Which words from the article are most OPPOSITE in meaning?
- Ⓕ rip/tear
 - Ⓖ turn/blow
 - Ⓗ listen/watch
 - Ⓘ slowly/rapidly
- 13** The author MOST LIKELY wrote the second paragraph on page 162 to
- Ⓐ show the shape of a tornado.
 - Ⓑ tell how rainstorms can be scary.
 - Ⓒ describe how wind drops out of clouds.
 - Ⓓ explain how a storm changes into a tornado.

- 14 Read these sentences from the article.

A tornado can be very fierce. It can destroy everything in its path.

Which word has the OPPOSITE meaning of the word *fierce*?

- Ⓕ angry Ⓖ peaceful
Ⓖ fire Ⓖ wild

- 15 Which paragraph does the following key detail BEST support?

A tornado can knock down power lines.

- Ⓐ paragraph 1, page 162
Ⓑ paragraph 3, page 162
Ⓒ paragraph 4, page 162
Ⓓ paragraph 5, pages 162–163

- 16 Read these sentences from the article.

Some tornadoes can last just a few minutes. Others will stay on the ground for a long time.

Which word has the OPPOSITE meaning of the word *long*?

- Ⓕ few Ⓖ last
Ⓖ just Ⓖ short

- 17 Which words from the article are most OPPOSITE in meaning?
- Ⓐ drop/fall Ⓒ block/crash
 - Ⓑ huge/small Ⓓ inside/middle

- 18 Read this sentence from the article.

They move quickly before a tornado arrives.

Which word has the SAME meaning as *arrives*?

- Ⓕ comes Ⓗ runs
 - Ⓖ leaves Ⓘ saves
- 19 Why is one part of the United States called Tornado Alley?
- Ⓐ There are many rainstorms there.
 - Ⓑ It is a place where people like to go bowling.
 - Ⓒ It is a part of the United States that has a lot of tornadoes.
 - Ⓓ It is a place in the middle of the country where there are few tornadoes.
- 20 What is the MAIN idea of the last paragraph on page 163?
- Ⓕ A tornado cannot move a bathtub.
 - Ⓖ People must stay away from windows.
 - Ⓗ People should not go to a basement during a tornado.
 - Ⓘ People should know what to do when a tornado comes.



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- 21** Explain how weather can be dangerous by using text evidence. List two details from “When It Snows.” Then list two details from “The Wild Winds of a Tornado.”

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