

Tornadoes

1. Which natural disaster comes from powerful thunderstorms and appears as rotating, funnel-shaped clouds?
 - a. Hurricanes
 - b. Tornadoes
 - c. Earthquakes
 - d. Floods
2. What wind speed can a tornado reach?
 - a. 50 MPH
 - b. 750 MPH
 - c. 300 MPH
 - d. 500 MPH
3. Tornadoes can strike in Mississippi in which Months?
 - a. January-April
 - b. May-August
 - c. September- December
 - d. All of the above
4. What is the most important thing to do when a tornado is near by?
 - a. Call your best friend
 - b. Take cover
 - c. Get your camera so you can take pictures
 - d. Watch TV until the tornado is gone
5. A tornado watch is:
 - a. When you get your binoculars out and look for a funnel cloud
 - b. When tornadoes are possible in your area
 - c. A device that tells you what time a tornado is going to strike
 - d. When a tornado has been spotted in your area
6. A tornado warning is:
 - a. When tornadoes are possible in your area
 - b. When your mom tells you to do your science homework
 - c. When a tornado has been spotted in your area
 - d. A device that predicts how big a tornado is going to be
7. What do you call a special room built in your home that is designed to withstand very high winds and flying debris?
 - a. Oz Room
 - b. Safe Room
 - c. Tornado Tester Room
 - d. There is no such room
8. Which of the following are actions you can take to protect your home?
 - a. Building a safe room in your house
 - b. Using devices like anchors, straps and clips to secure buildings
 - c. Reinforcing garage doors for strength
 - d. All of the above

Tornadoes are one of the greatest weather risks facing Mississippi. They spawn from powerful thunderstorms and can cause deaths and devastate neighborhoods in seconds. A tornado appears as a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. Damage paths can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. National Weather Service Statistics show Mississippi averages 26 tornadoes and 7 deaths per year since 1950. In 2005 the state had a record 99 tornadoes.



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Answers:
1. B 2. C 3. D 4. B
5. B 6. C 7. B 8. D

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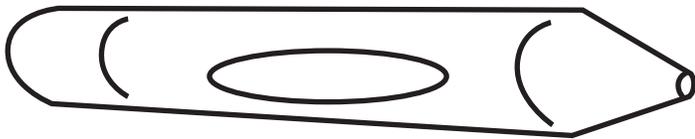
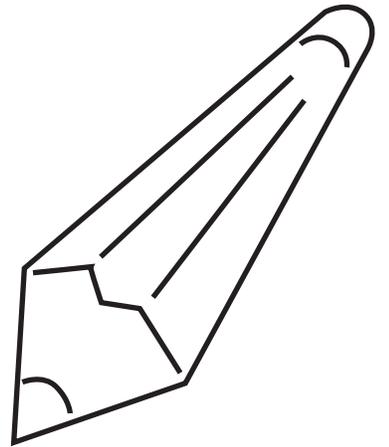
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