

A Tornado Is Coming



Kim heard a man talking on the TV. He said a tornado was coming.

Kim's dad said, "A tornado is a storm. It has BIG winds. Those winds can hurt trees and houses. We will get ready for it."

The family packed blankets. They packed food and water. They went into the basement. They heard the tornado pass by. It made so much noise! It missed their house.

"We are safe," said Kim.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

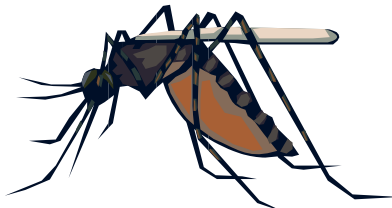
1. What was coming towards Kim's house?

**a parade****a tornado**

2. What does a tornado have a lot of?

**wind****snow**

3. What does the passage tell us can be hurt by the wind from a tornado?

**bugs****trees and houses**

4. Where did Kim and her family go during the tornado?



basement



outside

5. A) What did Kim's family pack to get ready for the tornado?

B) Draw a picture of Kim's family staying safe during a tornado.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing a picture of Kim's family staying safe during a tornado.

6. What did you learn from "A Tornado Is Coming"?

Teacher Guide & Answers

Note to Teacher: Read each question out loud to your students and have each student complete the worksheet independently. For questions 5 A) and 6, you can have students draw their answers, answer orally, or write their answers depending on your students' progress. If you have them write their answers, you may want to write the word(s) on the board for them to copy.

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 180

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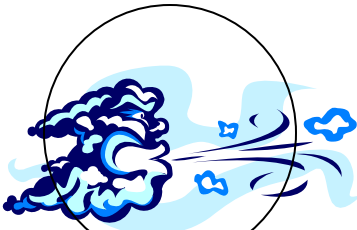


a parade



a tornado

2. What does a tornado have a lot of?

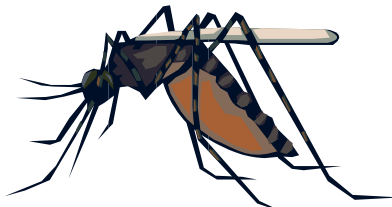


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5. A) *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

What did Kim's family pack to get ready for the tornado? [*open-ended, related to main idea/important information, answer should be no more than 1-2 words*]

Suggested answer: Answers should include blankets, food, and water.

B) Draw a picture of Kim's family staying safe during a tornado. [*drawing prompt based on part A of question 5*]

Suggested answer: Drawings may vary but should depict a family indoors. More advanced pictures may show the family in a basement-like setting with food, water, and blankets.

6. *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

What did you learn from "A Tornado Is Coming"? [*standard question*]

Suggested answer: Answers may vary and should be supported by the passage.