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How to Survive a Tornado!

Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. destruction | <u>E</u> | A. having the most recent information |
| 2. account for | _____ | B. happening every year |
| 3. annually | _____ | C. a machine that makes a loud sound as a warning |
| 4. survival kit | _____ | D. unusually intense weather (very hot, windy, etc.) |
| 5. first aid kit | _____ | E. the act of damaging something very badly |
| 6. extreme weather | _____ | F. a set of simple medical equipment |
| 7. siren | _____ | G. to be the cause of something |
| 8. up to date | _____ | H. a set of emergency equipment including food medical supplies and food |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Change the forms of verbs and nouns when necessary.

1. I pulled my car to the side of the road when I heard the police siren.
2. How many people immigrate to the USA _____?
3. A good _____ should include food and water.
4. _____, like tornadoes and hurricanes, can cause a lot of damage.
5. I like to stay _____ by reading online news articles.
6. Volcanoes might _____ many extinction events in Earth's history.
7. Many workplaces have a _____ in case of an emergency.
8. The _____ of that old building is scheduled for next week.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. _____
2. _____

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Topic: Weather / Disasters

How to Survive a Tornado!



With more than a thousand tornadoes each year, the United States experiences more **destruction**¹ and loss of life from these storms than any other country in the world. Florida, Kansas and Texas together **account for**² about 300 of these storms **annually**³. The United States is not alone, however, in facing this weather threat. Although less common, tornadoes have been reported in countries on every continent in the world except Antarctica. Here are some practical ideas about how you can survive a tornado.

Before a Tornado

Go online and learn as much as you can about tornadoes, especially if you live in an area where they are common. You should also put together a **survival kit**⁴ that includes such things as a radio, flashlight, extra batteries, a **first aid kit**⁵, clothing, bottled water and canned food. And don't forget a can opener! Make sure that both you and your family have a disaster plan ready so that you know what to do and where to go if there is a tornado.

During a Tornado

It's important that you stay aware of the weather in your area. One way to do this is to watch weather reports on TV for **extreme weather**⁶ warnings. Another way might be to listen for an emergency **siren**⁷. When you know that a tornado is nearby, go immediately to a safe place. A safe place might be a storm shelter, or it might be a basement in your home, or a ground floor room. It might be a good idea to get under some heavy furniture like a table. Always stay away from windows during a tornado.

After a Tornado

Listen to your radio to stay **up to date**⁸ on what the weather is like, and only come out when you know the danger has passed. If you (or others who are with you) are hurt, try to get the attention of the emergency services team that will soon arrive to help you.

What other ideas can you think of to survive a tornado?

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Grammar Practice

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During a Tornado

It's important that you stay aware of the weather (7)_____ your area. One way to do this is (8)_____ weather reports on TV for extreme weather warnings. Another way might be to listen for an emergency siren. When you know that a tornado is nearby, go (9)_____ to a safe place. A safe place might be a storm shelter, or it might be a basement (10)_____ your home, or a ground floor room. It might be a (11)_____ idea to get under some heavy furniture like a table. Always (12)_____ away from windows during a tornado.

1.

- (A) are
- (B) can
- (C) do

2.

- (A) a
- (B) an
- (C) the

3.

- (A) where
- (B) that
- (C) it

4.

- (A) forget
- (B) forgot
- (C) forgets

5.

- (A) yours
- (B) you're
- (C) your

6.

- (A) but
- (B) because
- (C) so

7.

- (A) in
- (B) on
- (C) at

8.

- (A) have watched
- (B) to watch
- (C) watch

9.

- (A) intermediate
- (B) immediate
- (C) immediately

10.

- (A) on
- (B) at
- (C) in

11.

- (A) good
- (B) well
- (C) best

12.

- (A) stay
- (B) staying
- (C) stays

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How Much Do You Understand?

● *Complete the statements.*

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Tornadoes happen all | A. by going online. |
| 2. There are things you can | B. come out when you are sure it is safe. |
| 3. You can learn about tornadoes | C. do before, during and after a tornado. |
| 4. Also before a tornado, you can | D. go quickly to a safe place. |
| 5. During a tornado, you can | E. over the world. |
| 6. After a tornado, you can | F. prepare a survival kit and a first aid kit. |

Discuss

● *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. What kinds of extreme weather have you experienced?
2. Do you have a survival kit or first aid kit? Where can you get one?
3. Do you have a disaster plan ready in case there is an emergency?
4. The article suggests several ways to survive a tornado. What other ways can you think of to survive a tornado?

Write

● *The article suggests several ways to survive a tornado. What three other ideas can you think of?*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Title "How to Survive a Tornado!"

Grammar Focus Mixed: Imperative, Past Simple, Present Perfect

Vocabulary 339 words

A1 words-71% / **A2** words-13% / **B1** words-5% / **B2** words-8% /

C1 words-0% / **C2** words-0% / **Off List**-3%

AWL Words in this text: *aid, annually, area, aware, survival, survive, team*

Vocabulary Analysis by: vocabkitchen.com

Level Intermediate to Upper Intermediate (CEFR B1 – B2)

ANSWER KEY Page 1

● Vocabulary

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|------|--------------------|
| 1. E | 1. siren |
| 2. G | 2. annually |
| 3. B | 3. survival kit |
| 4. H | 4. Extreme weather |
| 5. F | 5. up to date |
| 6. D | 6. account for |
| 7. C | 7. first aid kit |
| 8. A | 8. destruction |

ANSWER KEY Page 3

● Grammar

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|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. A |
| 2. B | 8. B |
| 3. B | 9. C |
| 4. A | 10. C |
| 5. C | 11. A |
| 6. C | 12. A |

ANSWER KEY Page 4

● How Much Do You Understand?

1. Tornadoes happen all (E) over the world.
2. There are things you can (C) do before, during and after a tornado.
3. You can learn about tornadoes (A) by going online.
4. Also, before a tornado, you can (F) prepare a survival kit and a first aid kit.
5. During a tornado, you can (C) go quickly to a safe place.
6. After a tornado, you can (D) come out when you are sure it is safe.

Watch the matching video with subtitles!



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