

Reading

Tornado!

Tornadoes are very strong winds. Tornadoes are in the form of a funnel and they are sometimes called twisters. Tornadoes happen all over the world but there are a lot in the United States. They can be very dangerous because they move fast and the wind is very strong. Tornadoes usually travel at about 50 kilometres per hour, but some tornadoes travel at more than 100 kilometres per hour. The wind inside a tornado can go round at more than 450 kilometres per hour! They often happen in May and hardly ever in January and February. Tornadoes usually form between three and seven in the afternoon. Sometimes they can be invisible! In the northern hemisphere, above the equator, tornadoes usually turn anti-clockwise (left). In the southern hemisphere, tornadoes usually turn clockwise (right). When it forms over the desert, it's called a dust devil. If you see a tornado, go to a bathroom or a room which hasn't got windows. Take a radio with you so you can listen to information about the tornado.



1 47 Read the text. Circle the correct option.

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| <p>1 Where do Tornadoes happen?
 a Only in the United States.
 b All over the world.
 c Only in the northern hemisphere.</p> <p>2 The normal speed of a tornado is ...
 a 50 kilometres per hour.
 b 100 kilometres per hour.
 c 450 kilometres per hour.</p> <p>3 When do tornadoes happen?
 a Tornadoes never happen in January.
 b Tornadoes occasionally happen in January.
 c Tornadoes always happen in May.</p> | <p>4 Tornadoes usually form ...
 a in the morning.
 b in the afternoon.
 c at night.</p> <p>5 What do you call a tornado over a desert?
 a A funnel.
 b A twister.
 c A dust devil.</p> <p>6 If there's a tornado, it is a good idea to go ...
 a to a room with windows.
 b to a room without windows.
 c to any room.</p> |
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Listening

2 48 Listen. True (t) or false (f)?

- 1 In Los Angeles it's warm and windy. t
- 2 In Mississippi people are getting ready for snow. f
- 3 Kathleen's family is in the bathroom. f
- 4 Kathleen's family is making sandwiches tonight. t
- 5 The mirrors are behind the wardrobe. f
- 6 Sometimes in summer there are tornadoes once or twice a month. t