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Natural Disasters – Tornado Survival Story



Part I: Warm-Up Activity

(Read the sentences below. Match each sentence with the correct vocabulary word from the options.)

1. The roof was completely destroyed, and pieces of it were scattered everywhere.
2. The family rushed to the underground room when they heard the sirens.
3. It was a terrifying storm with lightning flashing across the sky and loud booms of thunder.
4. We had to quickly make a plan to stay safe during the dangerous situation.
5. A spinning column of air moved through the town, destroying everything in its path.

Vocabulary Options:

- A. Tornado
- B. Shelter
- C. Debris
- D. Emergency
- E. Thunderstorm



Part II: Reading Text (Read the text carefully and fill in the blanks with the correct verb forms.)

Use the past simple, past continuous, and past perfect. Then listen and check your answers.

It 1. _____ (rain) heavily when the school bus 2. _____ (leave) the campus that afternoon. Dark clouds had gathered in the sky, and the sound of thunder echoed in the distance. As we 3. _____ (arrive) home, my grandparents 4. _____ (wait) for us anxiously at the door. Their faces 5. _____ (tell) us everything we needed to know—something was terribly wrong. They 6. _____ (urge) us to quickly move to the basement, explaining that a tornado warning had been issued.

When I 7. _____ (glance) out the window, I 8. _____ (realize) that the tornado 9. _____ (approach) rapidly. Its enormous funnel-shaped cloud churned furiously, and it looked like it was heading straight for our neighborhood. Without wasting a second, we all 10. _____ (run) toward the basement shelter. However, the tornado 11. _____ (strike) before we 12. _____ (make) it downstairs. The wind 13. _____ (rip) the basement door off its hinges just as we 14. _____ (try) to shut it.

The roaring sound of the wind 15. _____ (resemble) a freight train at full speed, and it 16. _____ (be) pitch dark inside the basement. Debris 17. _____ (fly) in every direction, and I could feel small pieces of glass and wood hitting my skin. My grandfather 18. _____ (shield) me with his body, holding me down as best as he could. Suddenly, we heard a loud crashing sound as something heavy 19. _____ (fall) on top of the basement entrance, blocking it completely.

Then, as abruptly as it had begun, the noise 20. _____ (cease), and an eerie calmness 21. _____ (set) in. We all 22. _____ (sit) there in stunned silence, not daring to move. When the dust finally 23. _____ (settle), we realized that the tornado 24. _____ (had passed). Though some of us 25. _____ (be) injured, we were all alive, and for that, we were immensely grateful. The scene outside, however, was devastating. Trees were uprooted, roofs were torn off houses, and cars were flipped upside down. Despite the destruction, we 26. _____ (feel) fortunate to have survived one of nature's most terrifying forces.

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Part I: Warm-Up Vocabulary

- 1 → C. Debris
- 2 → B. Shelter
- 3 → E. Thunderstorm
- 4 → D. Emergency

Part II: Grammar – Correct Verb Forms

1. was raining
2. left
3. arrived
4. were waiting
5. told
6. urged
7. glanced
8. realized
9. was approaching
10. ran
11. struck
12. could make
13. ripped
14. were trying
15. resembled
16. was
17. flew
18. shielded
19. fell
20. ceased
21. set
22. sat
23. settled
24. had passed
25. were
26. felt

Part III: Vocabulary Practice Answers

1. Thunderstorm
2. Debris
3. Emergency
4. Shelter
5. Tornado

Part IV: Creative Writing Sample Answer

The Unexpected Flood

Last summer, my family and I planned to enjoy a weekend at a cabin near the river. The weather was sunny, and everything seemed perfect. However, as night fell, we noticed the river level was rising. By midnight, heavy rain started, and the cabin was surrounded by water. We decided to evacuate, but it was too late. We were trapped, and my parents kept trying to call for help. The roaring sound of water was deafening. Finally, a rescue team arrived and helped us to safety. That night, I realized the true power of nature and the importance of being prepared.