

Reading

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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.



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- 1 Where do Tornadoes happen?
 - a Only in the United States.
 - b All over the world.
 - c Only in the northern hemisphere.
- 2 The normal speed of a tornado is ...
 - a 50 kilometres per hour.
 - b 100 kilometres per hour.
 - c 450 kilometres per hour.
- 3 When do tornadoes happen?
 - a Tornadoes never happen in January.
 - b Tornadoes occasionally happen in January.
 - c Tornadoes always happen in May.
- 4 Tornadoes usually form ...
 - a in the morning.
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- 1 In Los Angeles it's warm and windy. __
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- 3 Kathleen's family is in the bathroom. __
- 4 Kathleen's family is making sandwiches tonight. __
- 5 The mirrors are behind the wardrobe. __
- 6 Sometimes in summer there are tornadoes once or twice a month. __

Writing

● *because*

1 Rewrite the sentences. Write *because* in the correct place.

1 Our family *because* has a tornado emergency plan tornadoes are dangerous. ✗
Our family has a tornado emergency plan because tornadoes are dangerous.

2 *Because* every year we talk about the plan we don't want to forget the plan. ✗

3 I know about tornadoes there are tornadoes *because* in my country. ✗

4 The weather centre *because* gives us information they know a lot about tornadoes. ✗

5 Our teacher's an expert on tornadoes he reads books about *because* them. ✗

6 I know something *because* about tornadoes we're learning about them at school. ✗

2 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 In winter we eat soup because ...
 - 2 She takes an umbrella because ...
 - 3 I like my house in winter because ...
 - 4 In July we eat ice cream because ...
 - 5 We go to the park because ...
 - 6 We go to the mountains because ...
- a sometimes it rains. ___
 b it's very hot outside. ___
 c it's very cold outside. 1
 d we like snowboarding. ___
 e we don't have a garden. ___
 f it's warm, and my things are there. ___

● Expressions in informal letters

3 Complete the expressions.

To start an informal letter:

1 De a r Anna,

2 H___ Mark!

3 H___ are t___ in Edinburgh?

To end an informal letter:

4 W___ s___,

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● Adjectives: before nouns and after *be*

4 Write ✗ or ✓. Correct the errors.

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2 I live in a house small. ✗
I live in a small house.

3 There's an old tree next to the house.

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5 We're at my cousin's house. He's got computer games great.

6 Before the tornado, the streets are tidys.

7 After the tornado, the streets are messy.

5 Rewrite the sentences. Write the adjectives in the correct place.

1 My room is because I like the sun. (yellow)
My room is yellow because I like the sun.

2 My sister's room is because she likes the snow. (white)

3 There are plants outside. (big)

4 In summer the flowers are. (beautiful)

5 My grandfather doesn't like the sun. He's an man. (old)

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