

# Tornadoes



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Tornadoes are storms with rapidly rotating winds that form a funnel cloud.



Also known as "twisters," they extend downward from the huge clouds of a severe thunderstorm. The winds that rotate within a tornado usually reach a speed of almost 300 miles per hour! A tornado often sweeps through an area quickly, but it can cause considerable destruction. There have been a number of remarkable reports of tornadoes. In one instance, a schoolhouse was demolished while the 85 students originally inside it were carried more than 400 feet with none killed. There was also a case of five railway coaches, each weighing 70 tons, lifted from their tracks.

# Post-Reading Questions

1) How fast do the winds rotate within a tornado?

- a. 85 miles per hour
- b. 400 miles per hour
- c. 300 miles per hour
- d. 70 miles per hour

2) Tornadoes are also known as

- a. thunderstorms
- b. typhoons
- c. tempests
- d. twisters

3) Which of the following statements is true?

A. Eighty-students died when a tornado struck their schoolhouse.

B. A tornado lifted five heavy railroad coaches from their tracks.

## Choose the 4 main consequences of a tornado:

heat

cold

pollution

extinction

freezing air

wind

waves

noise

lightning

<http://www.mirvetrov.ru/images/280636.jpg>

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