

Weather Preparedness Pretest

Name _____ Date _____

Answer the questions without help from other students.

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 - a. a very dangerous storm with a lot of thunder and lightning
 - b. a big storm that is sometimes dangerous
 - c. a very dangerous, powerful storm with strong winds
 - d. it is the same thing as a hurricane
2. When are tornados likely to happen in Minnesota?
 - a. spring
 - b. summer
 - c. summer and fall
 - d. summer and spring
3. What is the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning?
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 - b. A tornado watch means there is a tornado right now, and a tornado warning means there might be a tornado soon.
 - c. There is no difference. They are the same.
4. Match the place with the instructions for what to do if there is a tornado.

_____ a house with a basement

_____ a house without a basement

_____ an apartment with three floors

_____ a very tall apartment

- a. Go to the middle of the house in a place away from windows and cover yourself with a mattress, blanket, etc.
- b. Go to the middle of the building in the hall or stairwell and stay away from windows. Don't use elevators.
- c. Go to the lowest floor of the building, such as the parking garage or a neighbor's first floor apartment. Stay away from windows.
- d. Go to the basement and go under a table or a heavy blanket.

5. Write a list of as many clothes as you can that people should wear in winter when it is very cold outside. Write at least five things.

6. What is frostbite?
 - a. Frostbite is when the wind makes the weather feel very cold.
 - b. Frostbite is when you feel a little cold in the winter.
 - c. Frostbite is when some frost bites your fingers, toes, ears or nose.
 - d. Frostbite is when your fingers, toes, ears, nose or other part of your body starts to freeze.

7. What should you do if you think you have frostbite?
 - a. Stay outside.
 - b. Go inside and warm up very slowly, using warm water.
 - c. Go inside and stand in front of a very hot heater.
 - d. Call 911.

8. What should someone keep in his or her car during winter? Write at least four things.

9. Why is it important to know where the lakes and rivers are near you home during early and late winter?
 - a. Children like to play near them, but the water might flood.
 - b. Children like to play near them, but the ice may be thin and they could fall into the very cold water.
 - c. Children like to play near them, but there is a law that they cannot.
 - d. Children like to play near them, and you can show the children where the water is so that they can go play.

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Answer Key—For Teacher Reference Only

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