Before doing anything else, add the NOAA Research "Tornadoes" site to Bookmarks or Favorites on your web browser.

II. Get Info

A. Occurrence

- Click on the "Preparedness Guide" site.
- Read the information and answer the following questions.

1. Describe where most United States tornadoes occur.

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2. What time of year do most tornadoes form in the United States?

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3. Describe the most violent tornado in terms of wind speed and size

   of the damage path.

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B. Variations

- Scroll down the page to the "Tornado Variations" section.

1. Are tornadoes always easy to see? _____

2. What happens to make them visible?

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3. What is a tornado over water called? _____

- Scroll down the page to the "Tornadoes Take Many Shapes and Sizes" section.

4. Which tornadoes occur most often: weak, strong, or violent?

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5. Most tornado deaths are caused by violent tornadoes. Violent tornadoes represent what percent of all tornadoes?

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C. Awareness and Safety

 - Scroll down the page to the "Frequency of Tornadoes" section.

1. What time of day are tornadoes most likely to occur?

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- Click on "Months of Peak Tornado Occurrence."

2. During which months are tornadoes most likely to occur in your
    state?

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- Click "Back" and scroll to the section "What to Listen For."

3. Watches

    a. What is a tornado watch?

    _____

    _____

    b. What should you do when a watch is issued for your area?

    _____

    _____

4. Warnings

    a. What is a tornado warning?

    _____

    _____

b. What should you do when a warning is issued for your area?

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- Scroll down to "Environmental Clues."

5. What are the signs that a tornado might form?

    a. _____

    b. _____

    c. _____

    d. _____

- Scroll down to "Tornado Safety."

6. How do you prepare before the storm?

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7. How do you keep yourself informed when there is bad weather?

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8. If a warning is issued for your county you need to take shelter.

Where would you go if you were:

a. at school?

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b. at home?

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c. in a car?

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- Close the "Tornadoes...Nature's Most Violent Storms" web site.

- Click "Back" to return to the Tornadoes main page, or choose "Tornadoes" from your Favorites or Bookmarks.

- Click "Gather Data."