



Twisters!

1 “Hailstones as big as golf balls pelted down from the sky.” What does “pelted” mean?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.2.4

2 How tall was the tallest waterspout ever seen?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.1

3 What makes twisters form?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.1

4 What is a funnel cloud?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.4

5 Why are some twisters brown?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.7

6 What does the red area of the map on page 22 show?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.7

7 What is the Enhanced Fujita Scale score for the most powerful tornado?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.5

8 In what order were the pictures on page 26 taken?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.5

Answers

1 were thrown hard

2 a mile (1.6 km)

3 hot and cold air meeting

4 a swirling column of air

5 they pick up brown mud from fields

6 where tornadoes are most common

7 EF5

8 The picture on the left was taken first, before a tornado happened. The picture on the right was taken second, after the tornado had hit.