

Reading Plus

Lesson 6

Exercise 14

A. Scanning:

1. How many questions appear in this reading passage?
2. How many numbers are presented in numerical form in this reading passage?
3. How many paragraphs in this reading passage contain some form of the word “tornado” in the first sentence?
4. On which line does the phrase “not as dangerous as” appear?
5. Which paragraphs end with a plural noun?

B. Locating Information:

1. Which line (or lines) offers a definition or description of a tornado?
2. What is one reason offered in the third paragraph for why tornadoes are so dangerous?
3. According to this reading passage, what is the name for a tornado that never leaves the sky?
4. According to this reading passage, which country experiences the most tornadoes annually? In which part of that country do tornadoes appear in particular?
5. According to this reading passage, what is the name for a tornado that occurs over water?

C. Grammar:

1. Which adjective in the first paragraph appears in both its base form and superlative form?
2. The word “funnel” appears on line 6 and on line 15. Is this word used as the same part of speech in both places?
3. Which sentence in the third paragraph begins with a word that could be substituted by the phrase “As a result?”
4. Which sentence in the second half of the reading passage begins with a word that could be substituted by the word “Approximately”?
5. Which sentence in the fourth paragraph presents a comparative phrase that means the two types of tornadoes are not equally dangerous?

D. Vocabulary:

1. Find a word in the first paragraph that means “to endure” or “to live through.”
2. Which adjective in the first paragraph is an antonym of the word “constructive”?
3. Find a word in the second paragraph that refers to a shape that is wide at the top and gets increasingly narrow toward the bottom.
4. Find an adjective in the second paragraph that means “to turn or move around in circles.”
5. Which word in the third paragraph is an antonym of the word “able”?

6. Which word in the third paragraph is a synonym of the word “sufficiently” or “correctly”?
7. Find a verb in the third paragraph that means “happen” or “take place.”
8. Which phrase in the third paragraph describes when something unexpected happens to someone who is unprepared?
9. Find a word in the fourth paragraph that is a synonym of the word “usually.”
10. Which word in the fourth paragraph refers to something that happens every year or on a yearly basis?