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Are We Prepared?

Each area of the country has its own _____ for natural disasters.

These are often at certain times of the _____:

For _____, the East Coast and the Gulf Coast states get the most hurricanes. Hurricane _____ is June 1 to November 30. Hurricanes bring high winds of more than 74 _____ per hour. There is heavy rain, a storm surge, and the danger of _____.

_____ may happen anywhere in the country at any time.

Last year, there was even a tornado in Brooklyn, New York. However, the Central _____ of the U.S. are in the most danger, especially in spring. This area of the country is called “tornado _____.” Most tornados happen between 4 and 9 p.m.

Blizzards affect many _____ states from November to April.

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year	risk	northern	example	season
floods	alley	miles	tornados	Plains

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Basic Emergency Supply Kit

Water: one _____ of water per person per day for at least _____ days for drinking and washing.

Food: a supply for each _____ for at least three days. It should be non-perishable food: _____, raisins, peanut butter, canned tuna, etc.

Flashlight and _____ batteries; a first-aid _____ (peroxide, bandages, antiseptic, _____, etc.); a loud _____ or cowbell to call for _____; a cell phone (charged); a battery-powered _____; extra batteries.

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help	person	crackers	gallon	three
extra	medicines	kit	radio	whistle

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Tornado Drills

If you are in a _____ area, have a family tornado plan in place. Is

there a **siren** that will give you a _____? What does it sound like?

Does your house have a _____? That's the safest place. Otherwise,

go to a small inner room such as a closet or bathroom, with no _____.

Pillows, mattresses, or thick _____ can help protect you from flying

objects. _____ a family tornado drill before tornado season. Mobile

_____ are not safe during a tornado.

Know the _____ of a tornado. Keep your TV or radio on, tuned

to a local channel or station _____ tornado season. You will need

_____ about storms that may be coming your way.

WORD BANK

during

news

Practice

homes

blankets

signs

tornado

warning

basement

windows

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Be on the Lookout

A gang may seem to be a group of _____ who do things together. A group of friends provide safety and a _____ life for young people. However, many youth gangs are dangerous. They commit crimes together to get _____. They sell and _____ drugs together. They provide _____ for their members with dangerous and anti-social _____. Gangs may _____ with other gangs over insults, _____, property, or drugs. Parents and teachers don't always know about the gangs in their _____. They may have no _____ when their children or students are already in a gang.

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social	use	friends	money	excitement
territory	communities	idea	fight	activities

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Memorial Day

Memorial Day is the last _____ in May (30th this year). On this day, people _____ and honor the men and women who _____ in U.S. wars.

There are _____ and speeches. People bring _____ and _____ to the graves of dead soldiers.

_____ are taught to remember that _____ is *not free*. It is paid for with the sacrifices of our _____. Many thousands of people died for our right to live in a _____.

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Monday	soldiers	remember	parades	died
flowers	Americans	freedom	democracy	flags

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Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo (the Fifth of May) is an important holiday for

_____ Americans. It celebrates a day of courage and
_____ in Mexico.

In 1862, the Mexican _____ stopped the invasion of Napoleon III of
_____. There was a long battle in the _____ of
Puebla. Four _____ Mexican soldiers kept Mexico free. They defeated the
French army that was _____ as large.

In Mexico and in the _____ part of the United States, people celebrate
Cinco de Mayo with _____, carnivals, street fairs, and festivals with food,
fun and _____.

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dancing	victory	Mexican	army	twice
parades	thousand	southwestern	France	town

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May: Which Word Does Not belong?

Three words in each row go together. One word does not belong with them. Draw a circle around the word that does not belong. Be ready to explain your reasons.

	A	B	C	D
1.	tornado	earthquake	warning	hurricane
2.	emergency	disaster	danger	plan
3.	heat	blizzard	snow	ice
4.	river	overflow	flood	risk
5.	flashlight	tap	water	food
6.	eruption	volcano	Mt. St. Helens	Mississippi
7.	container	documents	records	licenses
8.	China	Mexico	Korea	Japan
9.	Army	Navy	Selective Service	Marines
10.	punch	boxing	archery	football
11.	sugar	agave	fructose	aspartame
12.	society	parents	population	people