When Thunder Roars

Use quoted and paraphrased sources to explain a safety decision.

8.W.5.d "Quote or paraphrase the information and conclusions of others."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the exact words quoted from a source, circle the names or abbreviations of the sources, and number two places where the writer restates a source's information or advice in new words.

A Storm Near the Field

1. At the edge of a soccer field, a coach sees a flash, but the rain has not started. Should practice continue? The National Weather Service (NWS) warns that lightning can strike several miles from a storm, even where skies appear clear. It offers a short safety message: "When thunder roars, go indoors!" A clear sky over the field can fool players into thinking the threat is far away. Together, the warning and the safety message challenge a risky idea: dry ground does not prove a field is safe.

2. A covered bench might look like a good place to wait, but the NWS says open shelters, tents, and dugouts do not protect people from lightning. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a substantial building or a hard-topped vehicle offers better protection than an open structure. In a car, passengers should keep the windows closed and avoid touching metal surfaces. These details matter at parks, where the nearest roof may be a picnic shelter rather than a building with walls.

3. The danger does not end when the rain stops. The NWS advises waiting at least 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder before returning outside. That guidance means a coach should use the clock, not a patch of blue sky, to decide when to restart practice. If another rumble comes during the wait, the count begins again. A school can turn the NWS message into a simple plan: stop outdoor activities when thunder is heard, move to a safer place, and wait long enough before returning.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Quote the NWS safety message exactly, and name its source.

2. In your own words, explain what the NWS reports about lightning and clear skies.

3. Paraphrase the CDC's advice about where to take shelter instead of using an open structure.

4. Paraphrase the NWS advice about when people can return outside, including what happens if thunder sounds again.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three- or four-sentence safety announcement for an outdoor school art fair as thunder approaches. Include the NWS safety message as an exact, attributed quote, paraphrase the CDC's shelter advice with attribution, and explain when the fair can reopen.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

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PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Quote the NWS safety message exactly, and name its source.	**The National Weather Service says, "When thunder roars, go indoors!"**
2	In your own words, explain what the NWS reports about lightning and clear skies.	**The NWS reports that lightning can reach places several miles from a storm, even if the sky there looks clear.**
3	Paraphrase the CDC's advice about where to take shelter instead of using an open structure.	**The CDC advises going into a substantial building or a hard-topped vehicle rather than staying in an open shelter.**
4	Paraphrase the NWS advice about when people can return outside, including what happens if thunder sounds again.	**The NWS advises waiting 30 minutes after the most recent thunder before going outside, so a new rumble starts the wait over.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The National Weather Service says, "When thunder roars, go indoors!" Please leave the art booths and move into the school building; the CDC advises using a substantial building instead of a tent or open shelter during lightning. The NWS advises waiting at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before returning outside. If thunder sounds again, we will restart the wait before reopening the fair.

Accept accurate paraphrases that preserve the sources' meaning without repeating their wording. For the announcement, check that the quotation is exact, both sources are attributed, and the reopening plan follows the NWS guidance.