After the Storm

How Oklahoma weather affects daily life and work

3.C.2.4.A "Summarize how weather events, such as floods and tornadoes, impact the people and economy of Oklahoma."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two ways weather events affect people's daily lives. Circle two ways they affect the money people earn or spend.

When Storms Change Plans

1. Spring storms can bring heavy rain to Oklahoma. When rain falls faster than the ground can soak it up, creeks may rise and cover roads. This is a flood. Families may have to leave homes in low places. A closed road can keep children from school and workers from their jobs. Rescue crews may help people get to safer places.

2. Floodwater can also hurt Oklahoma's economy, the way people earn and spend money. If water reaches a grocery store, workers may need to clean up before it can open again. The store may lose food and sales while it is closed. On farms, wet fields can keep farmers from planting or harvesting on time. Less food to sell can mean less money for those farmers.

3. Tornadoes are another danger in Oklahoma. Their strong winds can tear roofs from homes and damage power lines. Families may need a safe place to stay, and crews may work to restore power. A shop with a broken roof may close until it is fixed. Its workers could miss pay, and the owner must pay for repairs. Weather events can affect both daily life and the money people earn.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How can a flood change where families go and how people travel?

2. How can a flood affect the money a grocery store and farmers earn?

3. How can a tornado change daily life for families?

4. How can a tornado affect a shop's workers and owner?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a tornado tears down tents at an Oklahoma outdoor market just before it opens. In three sentences, explain one effect on shoppers, one effect on sellers' income, and one action the town could take to help both groups.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two ways weather events affect people's daily lives. Circle two ways they affect the money people earn or spend. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How can a flood change where families go and how people travel?	**Families may have to leave their homes, and flooded roads may keep people from school or work.**
2	How can a flood affect the money a grocery store and farmers earn?	**A flooded store may lose food and sales. Wet fields may delay farm work, leaving farmers with less food to sell.**
3	How can a tornado change daily life for families?	**A tornado can damage homes and power lines, so families may need a safe place to stay and may lose power.**
4	How can a tornado affect a shop's workers and owner?	**A damaged shop may close, causing workers to miss pay while the owner pays for repairs.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Shoppers may not be able to buy the food they planned to get. Sellers may earn less money because they cannot sell at the market. The town could help set up a safe indoor market so shoppers can buy food and sellers can earn money.

Accept other passage-supported effects in Part 2. For Part 3, accept a reasonable action that helps shoppers and sellers without putting anyone in danger.