

Nova: Deadliest Tornadoes

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Hour _____ Score _____

1. _____ In what year did one of the worst tornado seasons occur ?
2. _____ How many people were killed during that year?
3. _____ How many tornadoes struck that year?
4. _____ What Missouri town was hit especially hard that year?
5. _____ The **Storm Prediction Center** for forecasting tornadoes is in _____ Oklahoma.
6. _____ What kind of weather has to occur for a tornado to even be possible?
7. _____ The best instrument to detect severe weather is called Doppler _____ .
8. _____ The average "**lead time**" for tornado warnings is _____ minutes.
9. _____ The most extreme tornadoes are _____ miles wide.
10. _____ A wide swath of land between the Rockies and Appalachians is called Tornado _____.
11. _____ The average time a tornado is on the ground is _____ minutes.
12. What Midwestern weather conditions combine to form the huge thunderstorms that can spawn tornadoes?

13. _____ Cooler than normal ocean currents that influence the jet stream is called _____ .
14. _____ The most tornadoes ever recorded in a single outbreak was _____, in the southeastern U.S.
15. _____ What scale is used to categorize the strength and damage of tornadoes?
16. _____ How often does new radar scan the sky? Every
17. _____ Some homeowners have a _____ _____ to protect themselves from tornadoes.
18. _____ How many fixed Doppler radars do we have in the U.S.?
19. Even with modern warning systems, why do so many die? _____

20. How can you protect yourself from a tornado? _____

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