

Answerkey

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Comparing and Contrasting Texts

Part A: Compare and Contrast Chart

Feature	Tornadoes	Hurricanes
How They Form	Form during strong thunderstorms over land	Form over warm ocean water
Speed and Duration	Form quickly, last minutes	Form slowly, last for days
Size and Area Affected	Small, affect local areas	Large, affect wide coastal areas
Tools Used to Track Them	Special radar	Satellites
Type of Damage	Destroy buildings, flip cars, uproot trees	Cause flooding, wind damage, heavy rain

Part B: Sample Answers

1. Tornadoes and hurricanes both cause strong winds and can damage buildings and roads.
2. Tornadoes form quickly during thunderstorms, while hurricanes form slowly over warm oceans.
3. Tracking these storms helps scientists warn people early so they can stay safe and prepare.

Part C: Sample Writing

4. Compare Paragraph:

Tornadoes and hurricanes are both powerful storms that can cause damage to buildings and homes. They bring strong winds and are tracked by scientists to protect people. Both types of storms require people to be prepared in advance.

5. Contrast Paragraph:

Tornadoes form quickly over land and are usually small but intense. Hurricanes take longer to develop and happen over oceans, but they cover larger areas and last longer. Tornadoes are tracked with radar, while hurricanes are followed by satellites.