



Tornado: Myth or Fact?

Tornadoes are complex and fascinating phenomena. There is much that is not understood about tornadoes and a lot that is *misunderstood* about them. Indicate whether each of the following statements about tornadoes is *fact* or *myth*.

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| 1. Tornadoes have occurred in all 50 states. | MYTH | FACT |
| 2. Tornadoes are attracted to mobile home communities. | MYTH | FACT |
| 3. Tornadoes typically occur in the part of the thunderstorm that is not raining. | MYTH | FACT |
| 4. It is common for the sky to look greenish before a tornado. | MYTH | FACT |
| 5. Tornadoes can be made up of 2 or more smaller tornadoes called suction vortices. | MYTH | FACT |
| 6. Tornadoes sometimes sound like a freight train. | MYTH | FACT |
| 7. Tornadoes cannot hit downtown areas. | MYTH | FACT |
| 8. Tornadoes only rotate counter-clockwise. | MYTH | FACT |
| 9. If a tornado watch has been issued then a tornado has been sighted. | MYTH | FACT |
| 10. If there is a tornado warning you should open all the windows in your house or apartment. | MYTH | FACT |
| 11. When the tornado siren goes off, you should grab your video camera and go outside to catch it on film. | MYTH | FACT |
| 12. If you are driving in a car on the highway and see a tornado behind you then you should try to outrun it. | MYTH | FACT |
| 13. If you are driving in your car see a tornado behind you, find the nearest overpass and hide under it. | MYTH | FACT |
| 14. When the tornado siren goes off you should go to the most interior room on the lowest level of your house. | MYTH | FACT |