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Lesson 4 * Lección 4

Vocabulary * Vocabulario

Things * Cosas



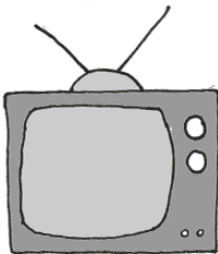
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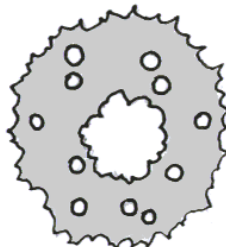
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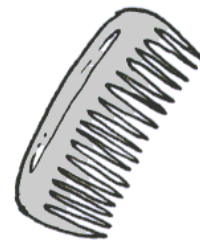
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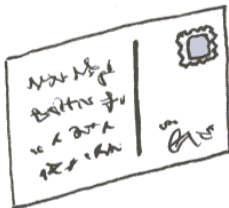
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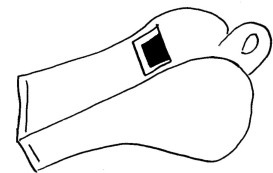
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Fill in the Blanks * Llène el Espacio

Llène cada espacio con una palabra de la página de vocabulario. Use la figura al final de la oración para ayudarse. Lea la oración con cuidado porque puede necesitar añadir una s o las letras es a la palabra del vocabulario.

1. A _____ of a knight is in front of the castle.



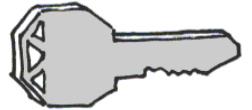
2. The boy has a new _____ for church.



3. The _____ will keep the boat from moving.



4. The thief used a _____ to get in the house.



5. The artist drew a _____ of a tropical garden.



6. Yesterday, I received a _____ from my friend.



7. At Christmas time, we put a _____ on our door.



8. The policeman uses a _____ to direct traffic.



9. The little girl tied a _____ in her shoelaces.



10. The teenager lost his cell _____ at school.



11. There is a purple _____ on the dresser.



12. On Saturday, they will watch hockey on _____ .



Tornadoes



Do you know where Tornado Alley is? Did you ever watch *The Wizard of Oz*? If so, do you remember where Dorothy and her dog, Toto, were from?

Although no state is entirely free of tornadoes, they are most frequent in the Plains area between the Rocky Mountains and Appalachians. This area is called Tornado Alley. Oklahoma, Kansas (where Dorothy and Toto were from), Arkansas, Iowa, and Missouri are entirely within Tornado Alley. Parts of other states are included in this area. The reason there is so many tornadoes in this area is the collision of cold fronts from Canada and warm fronts from the Gulf of Mexico. Tornadoes come in many sizes, but are usually in the form of a funnel cloud, with the narrow end touching the earth.

What do people do when the tornado sirens go off? Many people have basements. They go down in their basement, listen to their radio and wait for the sirens to stop. When I was growing up in Kansas, our house was the only one on the block with a basement. When our neighbors heard the tornado sirens, they would come over with their cats, dogs, birds, and other pets to share the safety of our basement.

Tornadoes can be classified as: weak tornadoes, strong tornadoes, and violent tornadoes. Most tornadoes are weak ones, causing very few deaths, and may only last from one to ten minutes with winds of less than 110 miles per hour. Less than a third of all tornadoes are strong tornadoes, causing less than a third of all tornado deaths. These strong tornadoes can last twenty minutes or longer with winds from 110 to 205 miles per hour. There are very few violent tornadoes, which cause most of the tornado deaths. These tornadoes can last for over an hour and can have winds of over 250 miles per hour.

Warning signs for tornadoes are a dark, often greenish sky, large hail as big as grapefruits; and, if you hear a loud roar similar to a freight train, then run to the nearest shelter!

As with all natural disasters, the best defense is to be well informed and prepared.

Comprehension Questions

Use la información en *Tornadoes* para contestar las siguientes preguntas. Conteste cada pregunta con una oración completa.

1. Where is Tornado Alley?

2. Where were Dorothy and Toto from in *The Wizard of Oz*?

3. Why are there so many tornadoes in Tornado Alley?

4. A tornado is usually what kind of cloud?

5. Where is a safe place to go when there is a tornado?

6. Name the three types of tornadoes?

7. What is the most common type of tornado?

8. Name three warning signs for tornadoes?

9. What is the best defense against tornadoes?

10. Have you had any experience with tornadoes? Write a sentence about it.

Summary * Resumen

Resumir significa decir en unas cuantas palabras. Cuando escriba un resumen de una historia o acontecimiento, necesita pensar quién es el personaje principal, dónde y cuándo sucede la historia, y cuál es el problema.

Lea la historia a continuación y después conteste las preguntas en oraciones completas.

Jorge worked at Target. He worked in the back unpacking boxes and then stocking the shelves in the store. He needed this job so he could pay for his car. He had to pay the monthly car payments, gas, and any maintenance the car needed. Fortunately, for Jorge, his parents paid for his car insurance. Besides working at Target, Jorge went to the local community college. One day Jorge got a speeding ticket on his way to school. Then, two weeks later, he got another traffic ticket for speeding. Now, he would have to attend traffic school and work extra hours to pay for his second ticket. He would need to be very careful not to get another traffic ticket or he would lose his license.

1. Who is the main character?

2. Where does the story take place?

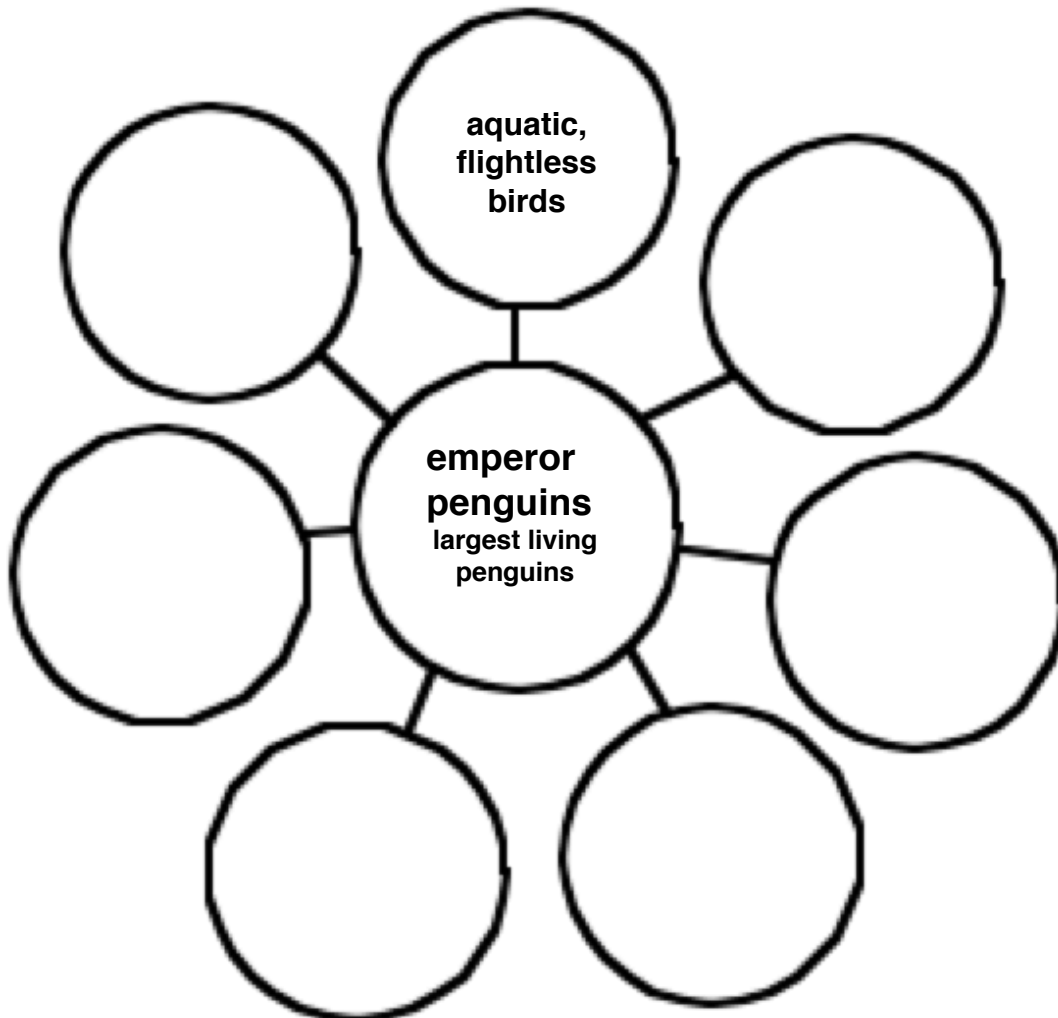
3. What is the problem?

4. Write a one sentence summary using the information you've just written.

Information Web * Red de información

Lea la historia. Después complete la red de la historia escribiendo seis detalles acerca de los pingüinos emperador. Ya está escrito un detalle.

The largest species of living penguins is the emperor penguin. They are aquatic, flightless birds living in the Antarctica. They have waterproof fur and thick layers of fat. They like it cold. They eat mostly krill. Emperor penguins are social animals, living on land for nesting and foraging in the ocean for food. In severe weather, the penguins huddle together for protection. Predators of the emperor penguins include leopard seals, orcas, and sharks. But perhaps the biggest killer of these penguins will be global warming. Penguins like it cold and the climate at the Antarctica is getting warmer. Shrinking levels of ice, due to warmer air and sea surface temperatures, are leading to smaller populations of krill that is a staple of the emperor penguin's diet. With less food to eat emperor penguins die.



Answer Key * Las Respuestas

Fill in the Blanks * Llene el Espacio (page 23)

1. statue
2. tie
3. anchor
4. key
5. picture
6. postcard
7. wreath
8. whistle
9. knot
10. phone
11. comb
12. television

Comprehension * Comprensión (page 25)

1. Tornado Alley is located in the Plains area between the Rocky Mountains and Appalachians.
2. Dorothy and Toto were from Kansas.
3. The reason there is so many tornadoes in this area is the collision of cold fronts from Canada and warm fronts from the Gulf of Mexico.
4. A tornado is a funnel cloud, with the narrow end touching the earth.
5. When there is a tornado, a basement is a safe place.
6. The three types of tornadoes are: weak tornadoes, strong tornadoes, and violent tornadoes.
7. The weak tornado is the most common tornado.
8. Three warning signs of a tornado are a dark sky, large hail, and a loud roar.
9. The best defense is to be well informed.
10. I have been in many storms, but have never seen a tornado.

Summary * Resumen (page 26)

1. Jorge is the main character.
2. The story takes place at Target.
3. Jorge has to earn money to take care of his car and pay for his traffic ticket.
4. Jorge works at Target to earn enough money to take care of his car and pay for his traffic ticket.

Information Web * Red de información (page 27)

Answers will vary. Here is an example.

