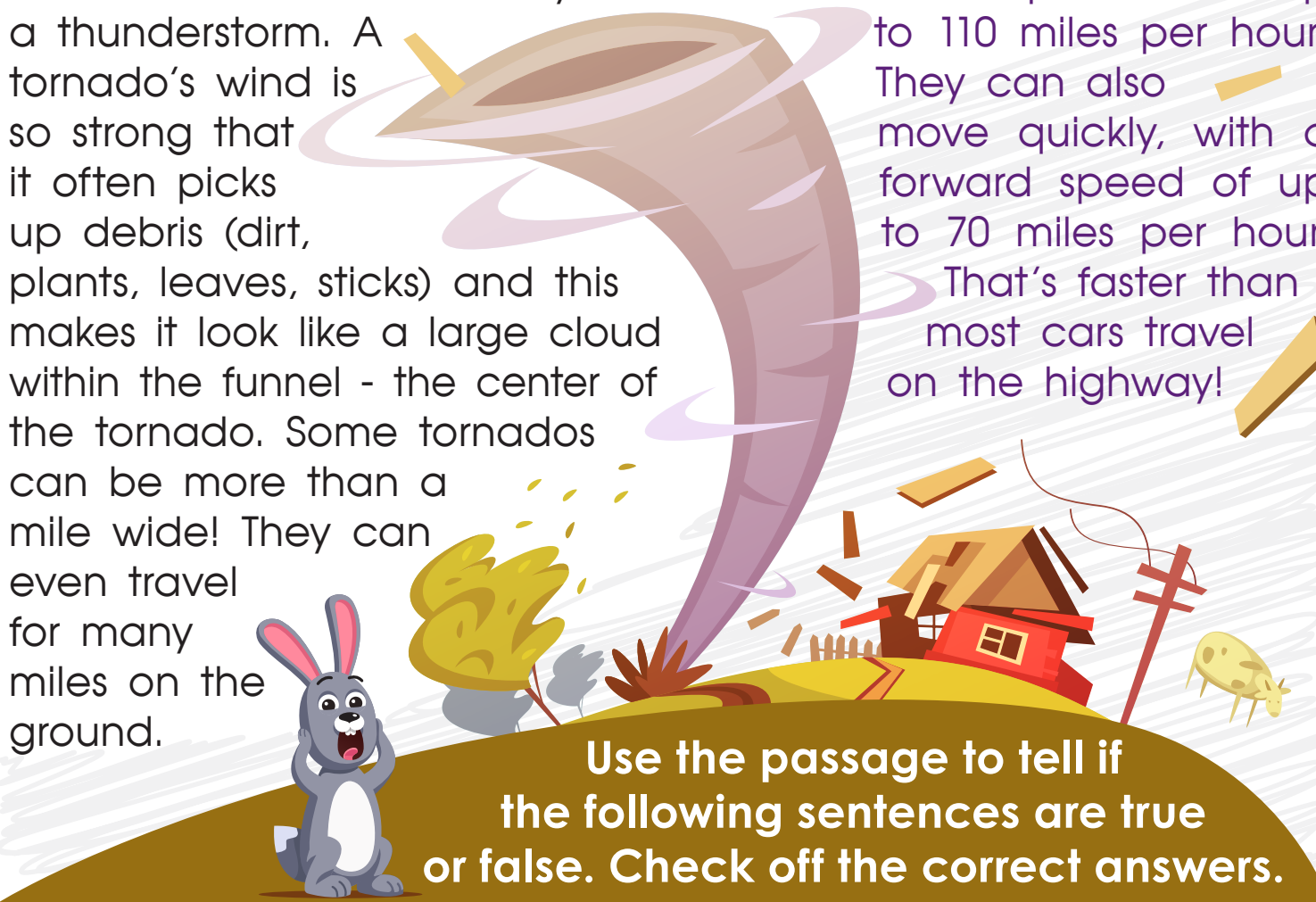


TORNADOS

A tornado is a fast spinning column of air that reaches all the way down to the ground. These are often caused by a thunderstorm. A tornado's wind is so strong that it often picks up debris (dirt, plants, leaves, sticks) and this makes it look like a large cloud within the funnel - the center of the tornado. Some tornados can be more than a mile wide! They can even travel for many miles on the ground.

A tornado typically only lasts for between 1-10 minutes and has wind speeds of up to 110 miles per hour! They can also move quickly, with a forward speed of up to 70 miles per hour. That's faster than most cars travel on the highway!



Use the passage to tell if the following sentences are true or false. Check off the correct answers.

1. Tornados are often caused by blizzards.

TRUE

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FALSE

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2. The center of a tornado is called the funnel.

TRUE

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FALSE

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3. A tornado can last for many days.

TRUE

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FALSE

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4. Tornados move slowly across the ground.

TRUE

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FALSE

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