

Quiz – extreme weather

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1. What is the minimum ocean water temperature usually required for tropical cyclones to form?
 - 17°C
 - 27°C
 - 35°C
 - 50°C

2. Coastal flooding caused by tropical cyclones is known by what term?
 - Monsoon
 - Overflow
 - Storm surge
 - Runoff

3. Which one of these weather phenomena does NOT sometimes occur in severe thunderstorms?
 - Heavy rain
 - Lightning
 - Strong winds
 - Snow

4. A tornado that touches down on a lake or the ocean is known as a _____?
 - Waterspout
 - Waterswirl
 - Watercloud
 - Waterslide

5. How long do droughts usually last?
 - Hours
 - Days or weeks
 - Months or years
 - Decades

6. The world's most famous monsoon occurs each year in which countries?
 - Australia and New Zealand
 - India and Bangladesh
 - United States and Canada
 - France and Spain

Correct answers

1. 27°C
2. Storm surge
3. Snow
4. Waterspout
5. Months or years
6. India and Bangladesh