

Title: Extreme Weather: Dust!

Word Study

A. Fill in the blanks using the words.

sand	glow	deserts	storm
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1.  The red dust in Sydney made the city _____.

2.  Dust storms fill the air with dust and _____.

3.  This city is having a dust _____.

4.  Dust storms are common in _____.

Reading Comprehension

B. Circle Yes or No.

1.  It is easy to prepare for dust storms.
Yes No

2.



People were afraid of the red dust storm in Australia.

Yes

No

3.



The Gobi winds carry dust a long way.

Yes

No

4.



You should go outside to watch a dust storm.

Yes

No

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Where does the yellow dust come from?



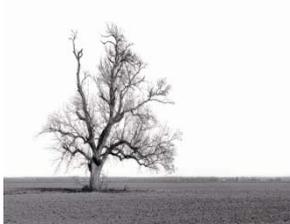
- a. The Sahara Desert
- b. The Gobi Desert
- c. Arizona
- d. Australia

2. What should a driver do in a dust storm?



- a. Pull off the road.
- b. Keep driving.
- c. Turn on their lights.
- d. Get out of the car.

3. How can dust storms affect nature?



- a. They make it hard to breathe.
- b. People can't see.
- c. They help plants grow.
- d. They make rivers dirty.

4. What should you do if a dust storm happens?



- a. Open the doors.
- b. Stay outside.
- c. Close the windows.
- d. Move slowly.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

dust	ruin	powerful	affect
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Dust storms are 1) _____. They happen when strong winds blow. The winds fill the air with 2) _____ and sand. Dust storms happen quickly, and they move fast. It is hard to prepare for them. Dust storms are common in deserts. They can happen in other places, too. In 2009, there was a big dust storm in Australia. The red dust made Sydney glow. It scared people. Strong winds blow across Asia. The winds carry dust and sand from the Gobi Desert. The dust can reach China and Korea. It makes the air dirty, and people feel sick. Dust storms happen often in Arizona, too. Dust storms make it hard for people to breathe, see, and drive. Dust storms 3) _____ nature, too. They make rivers dirty, kill plants, and 4) _____ farms. If a dust storm happens, move quickly. Go in your house. Close the doors and windows. You can watch the storm, but be careful!