



Boy struck by lightning

A 16-year-old boy is in hospital in Birmingham, England. He was hit by lightning.

The boy was playing cricket in a park with his friends. A big storm came suddenly and the boys went under a tree to get shelter from the rain.

Some lightning struck the tree and hurt the boy as well.

The boy is now in hospital in a serious condition.

The lightning hurt five of his friends as well, but not as seriously as the boy.



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A. Reading Skills

Word Power – Use a dictionary and write down what these words mean:

- ① lightning ⇒
- ② shelter ⇒
- ③ strike ⇒
- ④ serious ⇒
- ⑤ condition ⇒

Reading Questions

① What is this news story about?

- A. A girl hit by lightning
- B. Playing cricket
- C. A boy hit by lightning
- D. Storms in England

② What was the boy doing?

- A. Walking in the park
- B. Playing cricket with friends
- C. Climbing up the tree
- D. Playing by himself

③ How many people were hurt?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Five
- D. Six

④ Where did this happen?





B. News Extra: Lightning strikes!



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Missing words

tall | ground | energy
safe | nearby | hurt
thunder | people
storm

Listen and fill in the gaps

Lightning is electricity. When there is a _____, heavy clouds can crash. This crash creates _____ and lightning.

Lightning has a lot of _____ and can be very dangerous.

Lightning tries to find the fastest way to the _____. That means it goes towards _____ things first, like buildings or trees – or even _____!

That is why it is not _____ to stand near trees during thunderstorms. Lightning might come towards the tree and it could _____ you if you are standing _____.

True or False?

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| 1. Lightning doesn't have much energy. | T / F |
| 2. Lightning tries to find the fastest way to the ground. | T / F |
| 3. Lightning goes towards short things first. | T / F |
| 4. It is very safe to stand near trees during thunderstorms. | T / F |





C. Talk Time!

Person A

- ⇒ **Hey, it's my turn to bat!**
- B. Okay then... Wait! Look!
- ⇒ **Oh no! There's a storm coming!**
- B. Agh! Rain!
- ⇒ **Quick, let's get shelter. Look, there's a tree over there.**
- B. Right! No, wait. That's not a good idea. There could be lightning!
- ⇒ **You're right. So where should we go, then? I'm getting wet!**

Person B

- A. Hey, it's my turn to bat!
- ⇒ **Okay then... Wait! Look!**
- A. Oh no! There's a storm coming!
- ⇒ **Agh! Rain!**
- A. Quick, let's get shelter. Look, there's a tree over there.
- ⇒ **Right! No, wait. That's not a good idea. There could be lightning!**
- A. You're right. So where should we go, then? I'm getting wet!

Ask the class!

- ❶ **Whose turn is it to bat?**
⇒ *My turn (person A)*
- ❷ **Where did I want to get shelter?**
⇒ *Under a tree*
- ❸ **Why do we want to find shelter?**
⇒ *Because we're getting wet*

Ask the class!

- ❹ **What did we see coming?**
⇒ *A storm*
- ❺ **Why did I think it's a bad idea?**
⇒ *There could be lightning*
- ❻ **What do you think we should do?**
⇒ *?*





D. Class Discussion

Questions	❶ What games do you like to play in the park?	❷ Are you scared of thunder and lightning?	❸ What do you do when a storm comes?
<u>MY</u> Answers			
Friend 1			
Friend 2			
Friend 3			





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Teacher's Notes

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Answer Keys:

A. Reading Skills

1. C 2. B 3. D 4. *Birmingham (in) England*

B. News Extra: Lightning strikes!

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Lightning tries to find the fastest way to the **ground**. That means it goes towards **tall** things first, like buildings or trees – or even **people**!

That is why it is not **safe** to stand near trees during thunderstorms. Lightning might come towards the tree and it could **hurt** you if you are standing **nearby**.

True or False?

1. F 2. T 3. F 4. F

