

## Conversation 2

**Owner:** Nora Colwell.

**Tenant:** Hello, Ms. Colwell. This is Sarah Darmon from apartment 4. I called you yesterday, about the freezer. It isn't working, all the food in the freezer went bad.

**Owner:** Really? That refrigerator is almost new.

**Tenant:** Actually, I looked at the date on the side of the door. The refrigerator is 15 years old.

**Owner:** Hmm. Well, will you be home this morning?

**Tenant:** Yes, I'll be home.

**Owner:** I'll come up this morning then.

**Tenant:** Ms. Colwell, you told me that yesterday and you never came. I had to throw out all the food in the freezer.

**Owner:** Well, that is a problem. I'll be there today at 9.

**Tenant:** OK, I'll be waiting.

## UNIT 9

### Track 44, Page 130

drought  
earthquake  
flood  
forest fire  
heat wave  
hurricane  
snowstorm / blizzard  
tornado  
volcanic eruption

### Track 45, Page 132

1. How deep was the water?  
It was six feet deep.
2. How strong was the wind?  
It was a hundred miles per hour.
3. Were you in Texas during the drought?  
Yes, I was.
4. How long was the drought?  
It was five months long.
5. Was there any rain?  
No, there wasn't.
6. Where were the tornadoes?  
They were in Nebraska.
7. Were you at home?  
No, I wasn't. I was in my car.
8. How many tornadoes were there?  
There were four.
9. When was the earthquake?  
It was last year.
10. How strong was the earthquake?  
Thankfully, it wasn't strong.
11. Were the children in school?  
Yes, they were.
12. Were any children hurt?  
No, they weren't.
13. Where was the forest fire?  
It was in the hills near my town.
14. Was there a lot of snow during the blizzard?  
Yes, there was.

15. Were schools closed for a long time?  
No, they weren't. Schools opened the day after the storm.

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1. Did you see the tornado?
2. Did you watch the storm on TV?
3. Did you evacuate?
4. Did you have any damage?
5. Did you feel the earthquake?
6. Did you lose power?

### Track 47, Page 138

- A:** That was a really bad hurricane you had last month.
- B:** I know, it was our first hurricane since we moved here to North Carolina. We thought it was terrible, but the old-time residents told us it was just an average one.
- A:** How much warning did you have?
- B:** We got nothing but warnings. 24 hours a day, all day for about a week. The radio, the TV, the newspapers—the news was nonstop.
- A:** So, what did you do to get ready?
- B:** Well, we had to get everything out of the yard. We put the yard furniture, the barbecue grill, the garbage cans, everything into the garage. If we didn't, they could fly through a window during the hurricane. And, we bought lots of food, canned food, in case we didn't have power for cooking. We had to buy batteries for flashlights and radios, and they told us to buy water, lots and lots of water. And, we filled the bathtub with water too. We also bought a power saw.
- A:** A power saw?
- B:** Yes. Hurricanes knock down trees. In a bad hurricane, two or three trees might fall in your yard. Everyone around here has power saws to cut them up.
- A:** How bad was the hurricane?
- B:** I thought it was terrible. The rain was so heavy we couldn't see out the windows. The wind was about 80 miles an hour and it reached 100 miles an hour at times. It knocked down the power lines and we didn't have electricity for two days. We were lucky, only one tree came down in the backyard, but our neighbor had a tree come down right through his roof.

into one of the bedrooms upstairs. He had water all over in all the rooms.

**A:** So, did you have to evacuate?

**B:** No, we stayed in the house. For this storm, most people stayed in their homes.

**A:** Were you scared?

**B:** I was so scared, most of the time I stayed in the bathroom. I thought any minute something was going to come flying through a window or that a tree was going to fall on our house. My husband was more relaxed, he lit candles and listened to the news. We have a battery-operated radio.

**A:** So, are you glad you moved to North Carolina?

**B:** Well, we really like it here but these hurricanes... I don't know, maybe we'll get used to them.

#### Track 48, Page 140

##### Tornadoes

A tornado, also called a twister, is a violent, spinning cloud that reaches from the ground up to storm clouds in the sky. Most tornadoes are weak, lasting only a few minutes, and have winds of less than 110 mph. But the strongest tornadoes can last more than an hour and have wind speeds of 200 mph or more. They can destroy houses in seconds, turn over cars, and pull people, trees, and furniture into the air.

The United States has more tornadoes than any other country in the world. In a typical year, there are 800 to 1,000 tornadoes in the United States. Most occur in the middle of the country. Tornadoes

form when warm and cool air meet. In the Midwest, the warm air from the Gulf of Mexico often meets the cold air from Canada.

Tornadoes can occur at any time of year, but the usual tornado season is from March through May. Tornadoes form most often in the afternoon and early evening. There is often little warning of a tornado. People who live in the Midwest know the signs of tornado activity. The sky becomes a dark, often greenish color. Dark clouds appear in the sky and there is often large hail. Suddenly, there is a loud sound, like a train or a jet plane. Sometimes, tornadoes occur in groups. Two, three, five, ten, or more tornadoes can form over a large area.

One of the strongest tornadoes in history hit Joplin, Missouri, on May 22, 2011. Twenty minutes before the tornado, sirens rang, warning of the tornado. Some people heard the warnings, but others did not. The tornado was one mile wide and destroyed everything it touched, including homes, businesses, churches, the hospital, and the high school. The tornado killed 158 people and injured 1,150 others. One family ran down into their basement. Twenty minutes later, when they came up from the basement, nothing was left of their house. At the local Home Depot, the tornado lifted off the roof. According to local reports, between twenty-eight and thirty people in the back of the store survived, but the eight people in the front of the store were killed.

The safest place to be during a tornado is in a safety shelter, a small underground room that some people build to protect their families.

Other safe places are basements or a first-floor bathroom, which is often the most solid room in the house.

## UNIT 10

#### Track 49, Page 147

**Jack:** Cindy, look what came in the mail today. My brother's wedding invitation.

**Cindy:** What a beautiful invitation!

**Jack:** I'm really looking forward to the wedding. We haven't seen my family for a while.

**Cindy:** I know. It's hard. All of them live in Texas and we're here in New York.

**Jack:** The wedding is in six weeks. We have a lot to do before then.

**Cindy:** We do! You have the airline reservations, right?

**Jack:** Yes, that's all set. I also have a ticket for Calli. The airlines said that, although she's only two, she still needs a ticket. By the way, those tickets were expensive. Thankfully, we don't need hotel reservations.

**Cindy:** Yes, I'm glad we're staying with your sister. Did you rent a car for the week?

**Jack:** No, I have to do that.

**Cindy:** Remember, we don't need to rent a car seat. We're bringing one with us.

**Jack:** How about your dress? Did you find one yet that you like?

**Cindy:** No! I already bought a dress for Calli, but I still have to find a dress for me.

**Jack:** Cindy, you only have a few more weeks! And I still have to buy a pair of black dress shoes. What else do we need to do?

**Cindy:** Let's make a list. I don't want to forget anything, especially for Calli. Number one, we have to remember her favorite blanket. We also need...

#### Track 50, Page 148

1. They have to pack.
2. She has to bring her dress.
3. They have to leave early.
4. We have to drive to the airport.
5. She has to take her ID.
6. He has to show his boarding pass.

#### Track 51, Page 148

1. I have to go to the laundromat.
2. She has to work overtime tomorrow.
3. They have to do their homework.
4. I have to pay my phone bill.
5. He has to get gas on the way home.
6. She has to make a doctor's appointment.

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