

Two Whats?! & A Wow! - Stormy WOWther

Round 1

(SOUNDBITE OF DRUM ROLL)

(SOUNDBITE OF THEME MUSIC, "TWO WHATS?! AND A WOW!")

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(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE REACT WOOHOO! / SHH!)

Guy Raz. Okay, everyone ready to start the game?

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE CHEERING)

Mindy. Great, then let's do it!

Guy Raz. Alright, round one.... Which of the following statements is a true, scientific wow? Is it "A," hurricanes always rotate in a clockwise direction?

Mindy. Or is it "B," hurricanes can cause animals to fall from the sky?

Guy Raz. Or is it "C," the eye of a hurricane blinks fifteen to twenty times every minute?

Mindy. When you think you know the answer, smile and chuckle quietly to yourself! Psst, Hey Reg!

Reggie. Cool!

Mindy. Let's get a little thinking music up in here!

Reggie. Cool!

(SOUNDBITE OF THINKING MUSIC)

Guy Raz. And time is up! Let's now reveal the winning wow!

Mindy. And to do just that, it's Everett from Lakewood, Ohio. Everett, tell us- what's that wow?

Everett. Hello! My wow in the world is that hurricanes can cause animals to fall from the sky!

Mindy. Winner winner, falling food for dinner! ...Like if the pizza delivery guy used a helicopter!

Guy Raz. Thank you, Everett! Contestants, if you guessed the answer “B,” that hurricanes can cause animals to fall from the sky, well congratulations! You found the winning wow!

(SOUNDBITE OF BELL)

Mindy. Many scientists believe that animals like fish and frogs can get sucked into the sky when water spouts form during heavy storms.

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE “OOOH”)

Guy Raz. The water spout is a rotating column of air that forms over water. Some scientists believe that the storms can suck in water—and the animals that live in that water—and shoot them up to high altitudes!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE “OOOH”)

Mindy. Also— the eye of a hurricane doesn't actually have any eyelids, so it can't blink at all.

Guy Raz. Thanks for clearing that up, Mindy...

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHING)

Mindy. Now, if you did not get the answer correct, you must stop, drop, and spit water out of your mouth like a waterspout!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHING)

(SOUNDBITE OF CAR HORN)

Guy Raz. What was that!?

Mindy. Oh Guy Raz, that sound can mean only one thing!

Guy Raz. You drove here in a 1942 Studebaker Champion?

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHING)

Mindy. No! Guy Raz, that sound means it's time for today's winning wowzers' prize! All of our winning wowzers today will receive their very own personal wind!

(SOUNDBITE OF FART)

Mindy. Nope, don't even think about it! Still not that kind of wind, Reg!

Reggie. Coo coo coo!

Mindy. Cue the prize cannon!

Reggie. Coo!

Mindy. Fire away!

Reggie. Coo!

(SOUNDBITE OF PRIZE CANNON FIRING)

(SOUNDBITE OF WIND WHISTLING)

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Guy Raz. Okay, everyone ready to start the game?

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE CHEERING)

Mindy. Great, then let's do it!

Guy Raz. Ok, round two... Which of the following statements is a true, scientific wow? Is it "A," the sky can turn green before a tornado or hurricane?

Mindy. Or is it "B," stratus clouds are the only kind of cloud in a hurricane?

Guy Raz. Or is it "C," the name "hurricane" comes from the fact that you have to "hurry" to get away from it?

Mindy. Hmm... lots to think about here. Well, when you think you know the answer, fill your cheeks with air and blow it out as fast as you can! Human hurricane!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHING)

(SOUNDBITE OF THINKING MUSIC)

Guy Raz. And time is up! And joining us by phone, it's Marilyn with our winning wow!

Marilyn. Hi Mindy and Guy Raz! The sky turns green before a tornado!

(SOUNDBITE OF BELL)

Mindy. Winner winner, green stuff for dinner!

Guy Raz. Great job, Marilyn! Wowzers, if you guessed the answer "A," that the sky can turn green before a tornado or hurricane, well congratulations! You found the winning wow!

Mindy. A green sky can appear before a tornado, but it doesn't happen all the time. And it can happen in any kind of stormy weather.

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE "OOOH")

Guy Raz. This is because of the way light comes through the massively-thick storm clouds. All of the water droplets and ice particles in those clouds can filter the light and make the sky look green!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE "OOOH")

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Guy Raz. Ok! And now we're on to our final round of questions! Which of the following statements is a true, scientific wow? Is it "A," flash floods only happen when rain falls and lightning flashes at the same time?

Mindy. Or is it "B," that plants and vegetation do not help prevent flooding?

Guy Raz. Or is it "C," even just six inches of flood water can sweep you off your feet?

Mindy. Take a second to think this over, and when you know the answer, yell "water, water everywhere! And not a drop to drink!"

(SOUNDBITE OF THINKING MUSIC)

Guy Raz. And time is up! And joining us by phone with the answer, it's Nora from Illinois! Nora, please tell us the winning wow!

Nora. Hi Mindy and Guy Raz! My wow is that six inches of flood water can topple a person, and twelve inches of flood water can move car!

(SOUNDBITE OF BELL)

Mindy. Winner winner, extra hydration for dinner!

Guy Raz. That's right, Nora! Wowzers, if you guessed "C," that just six inches of flood water can sweep you off your feet, congratulations! You found the winning wow!

Mindy. It's true! According to the National Weather Service, even just six inches of flood water has enough force to knock over a typical adult.

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE "OOOH")

Guy Raz. And, as Nora said, it takes just twelve inches of rushing water to carry away most cars... and just two feet of rushing water can carry away SUVs and trucks! Grown ups, remember that it is never safe to drive or walk into flood waters!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE "OOH")

Mindy. Now if you did not get that answer correct, you must stop, drop, and get out of the water!

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