



The Topic: *Tall Tales*

The Basics

Easier - Throughout history people have told and written stories about their heroes. A tall tale is a special kind of hero story because the heroes of tall tales are 'larger than life'. They are bigger or stronger than real people, even when the tall tale is based on a real person. Tall tale heroes solve problems in funny ways that are hard to believe

Harder - A tall tale is a uniquely American story form that features (1) a larger-than-life, or superhuman, main character with a specific task, (2) a problem that is solved in a humorous or outrageous way, (3) exaggerated details that describe things larger than they really are, and (4) characters who use everyday language. Many tall tales are based on actual people or on a composite of actual people. Exaggeration is the major element in tall tales.

Attachment

1. For lunch one day, frankfurters, already in their rolls, blew in from the northwest at about five miles per hour.
2. The Sanitation Departments of Chewandswallow had a rather unusual job.
3. The people could watch the weather report on television in the morning, and they would even hear a prediction for the next day's food.
4. Then they emptied some of it into the surrounding oceans for the fish, turtles, and whales to eat.
5. Roofs were damaged.
6. A decision was made to abandon the town of Chewandswallow.
7. Violent storms blew up frequently.

STORY VOCABULARY:

weather

hurricane

drizzle

town

sanitation

fog

storm

survival

department

cloudy

abandon

violent

tornado

float

downpour

"My Natural Disasters"

BOOKLET (Rubric)

Directions- Cut pictures of 5 natural disasters using your copy of the PowerPoint presentation. You may choose to draw and color pictures of each natural disaster, but you must include a total of 5. Then write a brief description of each natural disaster.

Materials- Use the following materials to construct your booklet:

- ✓ Natural Disasters PPP
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Glue
- ✓ Crayons
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Stapler

Rubric- Students will be graded on their booklet using the rubric below.

25pts.	15pts.	10pts.	Score
Contains 5 or more pictures	Contains 4 or more pictures	Contains 3 or more pictures	
Brief description of each natural hazard	Limited description of each natural hazard	Little or no description of each natural hazard	
Booklet shows no grammatical error	Booklet shows 3 or more grammatical errors	Booklet shows 5 or more grammatical errors	
Booklet is creative, neat and accurate	Booklet is creative and neat	Booklet is creative	
			Total=

Tornado in a Bottle



Procedures-

1. Take the caps off both the pop bottles.
2. Get an adult's help to drill a 1/2" hole in the centre of each cap.
3. Place the caps together and put a bead of silicon around the hole to seal it.
Let dry.
4. Wrap a piece of duct tape around the outside of the two caps to firmly join them together.
5. Screw the double cap onto one of the pop bottles.
6. Fill the other pop bottle about 3/4 full of water. Add food coloring or plastic confetti to the water if you want.
7. Screw the empty bottle onto the top of the bottle containing the water.
8. Hold the duct-taped area with one hand and the bottom of the bottle with the other hand.
9. Turn the bottles upside-down and swirl them in a few quick circles. A vortex forms as the water drains into the lower bottle.