

In the News

- A. Use editing marks to delete the part of each statement that makes it incorrect and insert a correction.

f = delete *i* = insert

- On May 22, 2011, a mild tornado hit Joplin, Missouri.
- The tornado warning was issued 24 minutes after the tornado hit.
- This article was published May 22, 2011.
- The Joplin tornado was rated an EF5 because its winds were blowing at almost 200 miles per hour.
- The tornado wrapped some buildings around trees.
- The first funnel cloud was spotted over Joplin at 5:17.
- The abbreviation for miles per hour is EF.
- The Springfield tornado was the eighth most destructive tornado in the country's history.

Focus: What is the main idea of the article? List three details from the article that support the main idea.

A Terrible Tornado

By Editorial Staff

SPRINGFIELD, MO, May 21—At 5:17 on May 22, 2011, the National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for Joplin, Missouri. The first funnel cloud over Joplin was spotted just 24 minutes later.

At its strongest, the tornado's winds were raging at over 200 miles per hour, which means this tornado was rated an EF5 on the enhanced Fujita scale. The enhanced Fujita scale grades tornadoes by the speeds of their winds. The Joplin tornado was a massive tornado. Its

path was nearly one mile wide and 22.1 miles long.

By 6:12 on, the tornado had lost speed and moved on. It left a mess behind. Thousands of homes were destroyed. Buildings were swept from their foundations. Some buildings plowed into other buildings, some were crushed. Boxes and trunks were picked up and blown for blocks. Some cars and trucks were thrown into and wrapped around trees. The May 22 tornado was the eighth most destructive tornado in the country's history.

Enhanced Fujita Scale

EF0	wind speeds: 65-85 mph
EF1	wind speeds: 86-110 mph
EF2	wind speeds: 111-135 mph
EF3	wind speeds: 136-165 mph
EF4	wind speeds: 166-200 mph
EF5	wind speeds: greater than 200

- B. Tell what each number shown means in this article.

- 24 _____
- 5 _____
- 22 _____
- 22.1 _____
- 200 _____
- 8 _____