

Plot Diagram

Characters:

Main:

Name: Kester Marsh

Actions: hearing, running, hiding, interpreting, watching, and collecting

Characteristics: age 8, excited, naive

Others: _____ Characteristics:

1 Mom Young, nice figure, praying, scared

2 Dad Afro, gym clothes

3 Barb Ritter neighbor, smoker, skinny, glasses, bank teller, knew some sign

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Setting:

Where: My house and across the street at a neighbor's basement and front yard

When: 1980, evening, Olathe, Kansas

Problem: A tornado hit and my parents and I had no experience with this before.

Event #1 The sirens went off, I didn't know what it meant and my parents couldn't hear them.

Event #2 We ran over to the neighbor's house to ask what to do. I interpreted.

Event #3 We went to the basement to watch TV and to look to the west.

Event #4 We saw a tornado split into 2 about a half-mile away.

Event #5 The wind increased and everything turned black. We took cover.

Climax (Most exciting part): Golf-ball sized hail hit the house, and we couldn't see what was going on.

Conclusion/Resolution (How is the problem solved?):

The noise stopped and the sun came out quickly. I went outside to collect the hailstones.

Lesson/Moral:

Tornados are pretty. But can be lethal.

It was nice to have experienced neighbors who were thoughtful and who could sign.