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## Bird Flu Hits Colorado: One Hospitalized with Symptoms

### Description

A major storm hit the western region of the country last night, causing many problems and some damages. Strong winds and heavy rain began around 7 PM, and continued for several hours. Many trees fell, blocking roads and making it hard for people to travel. Because of this, emergency services have been busy trying to help.

The storm also caused power outages in several areas. Many homes and businesses are without electricity. Repair crews are working hard to fix the power lines, but it may take a few days to restore electricity to everyone. In the meantime, people are advised to stay indoors and use flashlights or candles at night.

In addition, the heavy rain caused flooding in some low-lying areas. The local government has set up temporary shelters for those whose homes were affected by the floodwaters. People are being asked to donate food, water, and clothes to help these families.

The local weather department had warned about the storm two days ago. They advised residents to secure loose objects in their yards and to stock up on essential supplies. Some people listened to this advice and were better prepared, while others did not take the warnings seriously.

Local schools are closed today to ensure the safety of students and staff. Some businesses also decided not to open, allowing employees to stay safe with their families.

Authorities are urging everyone to stay cautious, as more rain and strong winds are expected in the coming days. It is important to stay informed about weather updates and follow guidance from local officials.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Outages** /'aʊ.tɪdʒɪz/ (noun): Periods when a service especially electricity is not available.
2. **Flooding** /'flʌd.ɪŋ/ (noun): The overflow of water onto normally dry land often causing damage.
3. **Restore** /rɪ'stɔːr/ (verb): To bring back to a previous condition or state.
4. **Cautious** /'kɔː.ʃəs/ (adjective): Taking care to avoid possible danger or mistakes.
5. **Temporary** /'tɛmpərəri/ (adjective): Lasting for only a limited period; not permanent.
6. **Services** /'sɜːrvɪsɪz/ (noun): Activities provided to help people especially in emergencies.

### Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. At what time did the strong winds and heavy rain begin during the storm?
  - Option: 5 PM
  - Option: 6 PM
  - Option: 7 PM
  - Option: 8 PM
  
2. What is one of the challenges people faced due to trees falling during the storm?
  - Option: Road closures
  - Option: Water shortages
  - Option: Internet outages
  - Option: Medical emergencies
  
3. What are people advised to use at night due to power outages?
  - Option: Cellphones
  - Option: Generators
  - Option: Flashlights or candles
  - Option: Lanterns
  
4. Why did the local government set up temporary shelters?
  - Option: To provide entertainment
  - Option: To host events
  - Option: To help flood-affected families
  - Option: To conduct safety drills
  
5. What did the local weather department advise residents to do to prepare for the storm?
  - Option: Secure loose objects and stock up on essential supplies
  - Option: Host a party
  - Option: Ignore the warnings
  - Option: Leave the area
  
6. Why are local schools closed today?
  - Option: To allow for repairs
  - Option: To ensure the safety of students and staff
  - Option: Due to a holiday
  - Option: To hold a storm preparedness workshop



### True-False

7. Repair crews are not working to restore electricity after the power outages caused by the storm.
8. The storm lasted for only an hour.
9. Some businesses opened despite the storm warning.
10. More rain and strong winds are not expected in the coming days.
11. The local government is not asking for donations to help flood-affected families.
12. Everyone is advised to stay indoors during the storm.

### Gap-Fill

13. Many trees fell during the storm, blocking roads and making it hard for people to travel. Because of this, emergency services have been busy trying to \_\_\_\_\_.
14. It may take a few days to restore electricity to everyone after the power outages caused by the storm. In the meantime, people are advised to stay indoors and use \_\_\_\_\_ or candles at night.
15. The local weather department had warned about the storm two days ago, advising residents to secure loose objects in their yards and to stock up on essential \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Local schools are closed today to ensure the safety of students and \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Authorities are urging everyone to stay cautious as more rain and strong winds are expected in the coming \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Some businesses decided not to open during the storm, allowing employees to stay safe with their \_\_\_\_\_.



## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 7 PM 2. Road closures 3. Flashlights or candles 4. To help flood-affected families 5. Secure loose objects and stock up on essential supplies 6. To ensure the safety of students and staff

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. help 14. flashlights 15. supplies 16. staff 17. days 18. families

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Who typically helps with community events and projects without being paid?

Option: Residents

Option: Specialties

Option: Vulnerable

Option: Festival

2. What environmental issue causes a prolonged period of dry weather?

Option: Outages

Option: Backup

Option: Conflict

Option: Drought

3. Which term describes practices that are environmentally friendly and can be maintained over time?

Option: Improved

Option: Vibrant

Option: Sustainable

Option: Services

4. What type of device is responsible for executing computer programs?

Option: Temporary

Option: Dedication

Option: Processor

Option: Options

5. What term refers to new plans or strategies undertaken to solve a problem?



- Option: Improve
- Option: Efficiently
- Option: Initiatives
- Option: Accomplished

6. What encompasses the surroundings in which plants animals and humans live?

- Option: Options
- Option: Community
- Option: Conflict
- Option: Environment

7. What occurs when supplies of goods or resources are insufficient?

- Option: Outages
- Option: Improved
- Option: Conflict
- Option: Shortages

8. What term is used to describe the interruption of services like electricity or water?

- Option: Sustainable
- Option: Outages
- Option: Vibrant
- Option: Function

9. Who is a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common?

- Option: Options
- Option: Vulnerable
- Option: Community
- Option: Festival

10. What are actions intended to help others such as providing information or assistance?

- Option: Processor
- Option: Services
- Option: Restore
- Option: Options

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. After the event volunteers helped with the \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure the area was spotless.

12. Despite the \_\_\_\_\_ shortages the community came together to support each other.



13. Temporary \_\_\_\_\_ were set up to assist those affected by the natural disaster.
14. The new software update aims to improve the \_\_\_\_\_ of the existing programs.
15. Efforts to \_\_\_\_\_ the damaged ecosystem are ongoing to protect wildlife.
16. Through dedication and hard work the team \_\_\_\_\_ their productivity by 20%.
17. During times of conflict civilians are often the most \_\_\_\_\_ to harm.
18. By utilizing the latest technology the organization was able to operate more \_\_\_\_\_ than before.
19. The annual festival is a long-standing \_\_\_\_\_ that brings the community together.
20. Residents were presented with various \_\_\_\_\_ to address the ongoing issues in the neighborhood.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**



21. The of the small town were known for their generosity and close-knit community.
22. The ongoing between the two groups led to disruptions in the region.
23. Every summer the town hosts a vibrant to celebrate its cultural heritage.
24. The restaurant is known for its delicious seafood and unique culinary .
25. The team's to the project ensured its successful completion ahead of schedule.
26. During the storm it is crucial to have such as food water and flashlights.
27. The city's art scene is incredibly with galleries and street art installations.
28. The team their goal of planting 1000 trees in the community park.
29. Efforts to the historic building after the fire were met with local support.
30. The hikers were as they navigated the rocky terrain to avoid injuries.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Volunteers 2. Drought 3. Sustainable 4. Processor 5. Initiatives 6. Environment 7. Shortages 8. Outages 9. Community 10. Services

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Cleanup 12. Anticipated 13. Services 14. Function 15. Restore 16. Improved 17. Vulnerable 18. Efficiently 19. Tradition 20. Options

**Matching sentence:** 1. Residents 2. Conflict 3. Festival 4. Specialties 5. Dedication 6. Essentials 7. Vibrant 8. Accomplished 9. Restore 10. Cautious

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