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FREAKY

FACTS
ABOUT

WEATHER

1 You can tell the **TEMPERATURE** by **COUNTING** a cricket's **CHIRPS**.

2 **Dirt mixed with wind** can make dust storms called **black blizzards**.

4 The **coldest** temperature **ever** **officially** recorded was **-89.2° C**.

5 A **HEAT WAVE** CAN **MAKE TRAIN TRACKS BEND**.

3 **WILDFIRES SOMETIMES CREATE TORNADOES MADE OF FIRE CALLED FIRE WHIRLS**.

6 Mild autumn weather often means **BIGGER SPIDERS** in our homes.

7 A 2003 heatwave turned grapes to raisins before they were picked from the vine.

16 Worms **WRIGGLE UP** from **UNDERGROUND** when a **FLOOD** IS COMING.

19 A whiteout, or heavy snowfall that makes it difficult to see, can make you feel sick.

17 A **THUNDERSTORM** CAN PRODUCE **160kmph WINDS**.

20 A **MUDSLIDE** CAN CARRY **ROCKS, TREES, VEHICLES AND ENTIRE BUILDINGS**.

21 About **2,000** thunderstorms rain down on Earth every minute.

22 In 1972, a blizzard dumped **8m of snowfall** on Iran, **burying 200 villages**.

18 In **ANTARCTICA**, **SNOW** can fall so hard **YOU CAN'T SEE** your hand **IN FRONT OF YOUR FACE**.

8 In July 2001 the rainfall in **Kerala, India**, was **blood red**.

9 **RAINDROPS** can be the **SIZE OF A HOUSEFLY** and fall at more than **30kmph**.

10 Cape Farewell in **GREENLAND** is the windiest place on the planet.

12 Lightning often follows a volcanic eruption.

11 **WATERSPOUTS, OR ROTATING COLUMNS OF AIR OVER WATER, CAN MAKE SEA CREATURES RAIN DOWN FROM THE SKY**.

23 **SOME TORNADOES CAN BE FASTER THAN FORMULA ONE RACING CARS**.

24 Black ice, a transparent coating of ice on a surface, can make pavements super-slippery.

25 Some frogs get noisier just before it rains.

13 **SANDSTORMS CAN SWALLOW UP ENTIRE CITIES**.

14 **BLIZZARDS** can make **SNOWFLAKES** FEEL LIKE **PELLETS** hitting your face.

15 A hurricane in Florida, USA, caused 900 captive pythons to escape.

26 In 525 B.C a **SANDSTORM** BURIED hundreds of **SOLDIERS** in an **EGYPTIAN DESERT**.

27 The most damage ever caused by a **thunderstorm** was in 1995, when **hailstones bigger than cricket balls** fell in Texas, USA.

28 IN 1684, IT WAS SO COLD IN BRITAIN THAT THE **RIVER THAMES FROZE SOLID FOR TWO MONTHS**.

29 **CATS AND DOGS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO SENSE WHEN A TORNADO IS APPROACHING**.

30 Hurricanes can push more than **6m of water** ashore.