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TORNADO RIPS THROUGH TOWN

Devastation hit the American Midwest yesterday as one of the largest tornados in living memory ripped through the town of Greensburg.

Greensburg, a small farming town in south-west Kansas with a population of less than 2000 people, was left in ruins as the tornado destroyed buildings, uprooted trees and overturned cars.

Local forecaster Michael Lacy described the tornado as "Massive, and about a mile wide."



With windspeeds of up to 266 mph, the tornado tore through businesses, schools and homes. Even the local hospital and water tower were destroyed.

Many people were hurt and are currently being cared for in neighbouring towns.

There are over 1000 tornados reported in the USA every year. That's more than anywhere in the world.

The American Midwest and South – a region known as 'tornado alley' – is the worst-affected area, where winds can sometimes reach 300 mph.

Officials will be visiting Greensburg today to assess the damage.



1. How many people live in Greensburg?



2. The Greensburg tornado had windspeeds of up to how many miles per hour?



3. Using the report, explain what 'tornado alley' is.



4. What do you think the people thought about the disaster in the neighbouring towns?
