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2. What is a blizzard called when there's no snow falling?

3. Do blizzards need lots of snow?

a. yes

b. no

4. The author tells you to stay safe inside while a blizzard lasts. What are two reasons it might not be safe to be outside in a blizzard?

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