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NEW YORK, N.Y. -- A \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ storm lashed the Northeast with sleet and more than a foot of snow in some places Tuesday. The storm paralyzed much of the East Coast from Washington D.C. to Boston after a \_\_\_\_\_ February had convinced people that the worst of winter was over.

The \_\_\_\_\_ nor'easter -- that is, a storm that blows from the Northeast -- grounded \_\_\_\_\_ 6,000 flights. It knocked out power to around 200,000 customers from Virginia northward, closed schools in cities \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and prompted \_\_\_\_\_ warnings to stay off the roads.

As the morning wore on, the storm's path shifted \_\_\_\_\_ and snow switched to sleet in Philadelphia and New York. That prompted forecasters to lift blizzard warnings for the two big cities and cut their prediction of a foot or more of snow by over half.

But residents farther inland from the coasts got \_\_\_\_\_ clobbered. Towns along Pennsylvania's northern tier had \_\_\_\_\_ 16 inches of snow before 9 a.m., while a foot fell in the state capital of Harrisburg and nearly 2 feet in the Pocono Mountains.

"The winters seem to be upside down now. January and February are \_\_\_\_\_ and then March and April

seem to be more Adjective than they were in the past," said Bob Clifford, who ventured out  
Adverb on an early morning grocery run for his family in Altamont, near Albany, New York.

His advice: "Just hide inside. Hibernate."