

# Wild Weather

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# Vocabulary

damage

dangerous

weather

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Have you ever watched a storm?  
Thunder booms and lightning flashes.  
Rain falls from the sky.  
You stay safe inside your house.







Wild weather can happen  
in any season.  
Spring can bring floods  
when snow melts.  
Summer and fall can bring  
thunderstorms and tornadoes.  
If you live in a cold place,  
winter can bring blizzards.



# Floods



A flood happens when water covers land that is usually dry. Melting snow and lots of rain can cause floods. If a dam breaks, it can cause a flood.





Flash floods are the most dangerous type of flood. They happen very fast. The water moves very quickly. It can move things and people in its way.





# Thunderstorms



Thunderstorms are noisy  
and exciting.  
But they are also dangerous.  
There is lightning  
during thunderstorms.  
Lightning can hurt people.



Thunderstorms usually happen in the afternoon and evening. But they can happen at any time of the day. About 100,000 thunderstorms happen in the United States each year!





# Tornadoes

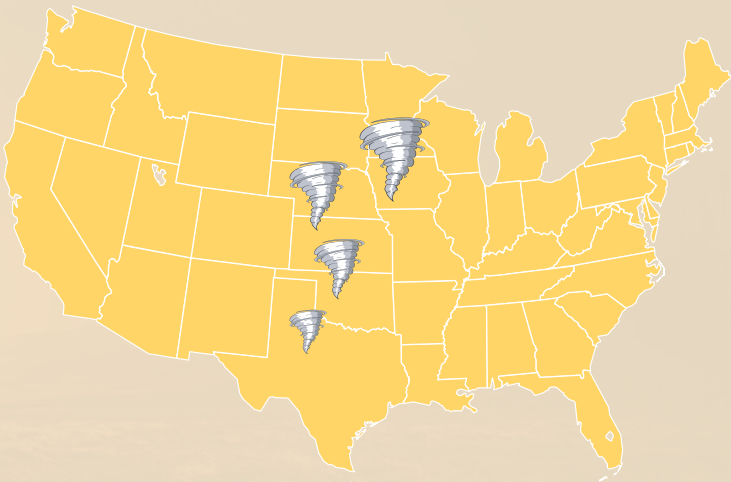


Tornadoes are very strong winds.  
Most tornadoes are shaped  
like a funnel.





Tornado Alley is in the middle part of the United States. This area gets many tornadoes every year. The winds can cause a lot of damage.



# Earthquakes



When the ground shakes,  
it is called an earthquake.  
Earthquakes can happen  
in any season.  
Most earthquakes last  
less than one minute.



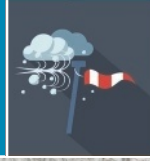


Some earthquakes are small.  
They are not even felt.  
Other earthquakes are very strong.  
They can be felt over big areas.  
They can destroy large buildings.





# Blizzards



Blizzards are big snowstorms.  
They bring a lot of snow  
and strong winds.  
The weather is often very cold  
in blizzards.





Blizzards are dangerous.  
People should stay indoors  
during blizzards.  
Blizzards make it hard to see outside.  
There are often many car accidents.



# Hailstorms



Sometimes waterdrops freeze into balls of ice called hail. The hail falls from the sky. Hailstones can be small or large. Some hailstones can be as large as a softball!








Hail can cause a lot of damage.  
Hail can break windows  
and dent cars. Hail can ruin roofs  
and hurt people.





A dramatic sky with purple and pink clouds and a bright lightning bolt striking near a house. The house has white siding and a dark roof. A window is visible on the right side of the house.

You can prepare for wild weather.  
Stay safe indoors.  
Make sure you and your family  
have an emergency plan.  
You never know when wild weather  
will strike!



## Think About It

Use a T-Chart. Choose two types of wild weather that you learn about in the book. Then write some details about each one.


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