



# Scope Phenomenon

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## It's a Twister!

1. What kind of severe weather is shown in the video? Why is it dangerous?

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2. What other kinds of severe weather can affect Tennessee?

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3. What can people in Tennessee do to prepare for severe and dangerous weather?

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# **Emergency Preparation Kit: Sliding Scale**



A flashlight and extra batteries should be in a kit. They help when power is out after a storm or tornado.



Water and safe food should be in a kit. They help when people are stuck at home during long weather events.



A teddy bear should be in a kit. It helps  
keep you warm in a blizzard.



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Getting Ready for the Storm

Procedure

Check off how your group decides to prepare and respond to each weather hazard.

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| <div>Tornado</div> <div></div>                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <div>Prepare!</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Stay inside.</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Move trash cans and lawn items into a garage.</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Get a snow shovel or snowplow.</div></div> | <div>Respond!</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Shovel sidewalks or roads.</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Clean up trash.</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Rebuild or repair homes and buildings.</div></div> |



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### Wildfire



#### Prepare!

- ☐ Stay inside.
- ☐ Don't waste water.
- ☐ Evacuate.

#### Respond!

- ☐ Rebuild or repair homes and buildings.
- ☐ Help neighbors clean up.
- ☐ Scrape snow or ice off cars.

### Flood



#### Prepare!

- ☐ Move cars off the street.
- ☐ Buy a snowplow or shovel.
- ☐ Buy supplies.

#### Respond!

- ☐ Buy a new car.
- ☐ Clean up leaves.
- ☐ Shovel sidewalks and roads.
- ☐ Rebuild or repair homes and buildings.



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| Snowstorm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Prepare!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Respond!                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Thunderstorm                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Prepare!                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Respond!                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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## Hazardous Weather Cards

### Tornado





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### Flood





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### Wildfire





## Thunderstorm





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### Snowstorm





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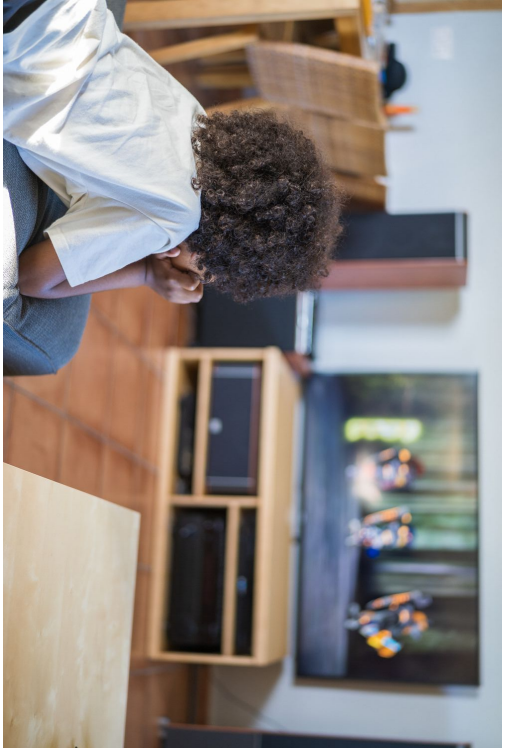
### Drought





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## Weather Preparation Pictures



**Prepare! Stay inside.**



**Prepare! Don't waste water  
when using the sink.**



**Prepare! Evacuate  
(leave the area).**



**Prepare! Buy supplies.**



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## Weather Preparation Pictures



**Prepare! Move trash cans and lawn items into the garage.**



**Prepare! Move cars out of the street.**



**Prepare! Collect firewood.**



**Prepare! Get a snow shovel or snowplow.**



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## Weather Preparation Pictures

**Prepare! Put batteries  
in flashlights.**



**Prepare! Collect  
blankets.**





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## Weather Response Pictures



**Respond! Rebuild or repair homes and buildings.**



**Respond! Remove snow from sidewalks and streets.**



**Respond! Use a watering can instead of a hose to conserve water.**



**Respond! Clean up trash, leaves, and branches that blew around.**



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## Weather Response Pictures



**Respond! Help neighbors  
clean up.**



**Respond! Clean up leaves  
that have fallen.**



**Respond! Buy a new car.**



**Respond! Shovel sidewalks  
and roads.**



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## Meteorologist





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## Weather Icons Claim-Evidence-Reasoning

### Prompt

The meteorologist shows  on TV.

What type of weather is predicted?

### Claim:

Check the correct sentence.

- ☐ The meteorologist predicted a **tornado**.
- ☐ The meteorologist predicted a **blizzard**.

### Evidence:

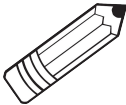
What could keep you safe? Draw a picture to show how to stay safe.

- ☐ Waiting by the window to watch the tornado
- ☐ Staying inside, away from doors and windows



Weather Icons

Student Rubric

|                                                                                                                   | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1                                                                                                                                      |
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| <div>Claim</div> <div></div>     | <div></div> <div>My claim was correct.</div>                         | <div></div> <div>I made a claim, but it was incorrect.</div>                              | <div></div> <div>I did not make a claim.</div>      |
| <div>Evidence</div> <div></div> | <div></div> <div>I gave evidence that helped me make my claim.</div> | <div></div> <div>I gave evidence, but it did not have anything to do with my claim.</div> | <div></div> <div>I did not give any evidence.</div> |

# Severe Weather in Tennessee

## Reflect

### Do you like to play outside?

To be safe outside, you need to check the weather. Weather changes daily in Tennessee. In which weather do you like to play outside?



Rainy



Windy



Snowy



Sunny

### Weather is always changing.

The best way to know about weather in Tennessee is to look at the weather forecast.



### Do you know who makes the weather forecast?

Weather scientists, or **meteorologists**, study weather conditions. They use weather tools to learn about the weather. Below are examples of weather tools:



Anemometer



Thermometer



Rain Gauge



Wind Sock

# Severe Weather in Tennessee

**Meteorologists** can predict nature's wildest weather. These **weather hazards** can be dangerous for people.

Meteorologists help keep people and property safe by warning them about dangerous weather. Here are weather hazards that can happen in Tennessee.



Thunderstorm



Lightning



Blizzard



Tornado



Drought and Heat



Hurricane



Flash Flooding

# Severe Weather in Tennessee

## Try Now

You learned about weather hazards. They are a threat to people. Draw a line from the definition of each weather hazard to its picture.

An electric strike that comes with a storm

A funnel of quickly rotating air

Caused by lots of rain falling in an area quickly

Lots of snow falling in a short period of time



## Look Out!

Weather scientists forecast severe weather so people can prepare for and respond to these events. Meteorologists save many lives and properties every year.



People from this town evacuated before the tornado hit.

# Severe Weather in Tennessee

## What Do You Think?

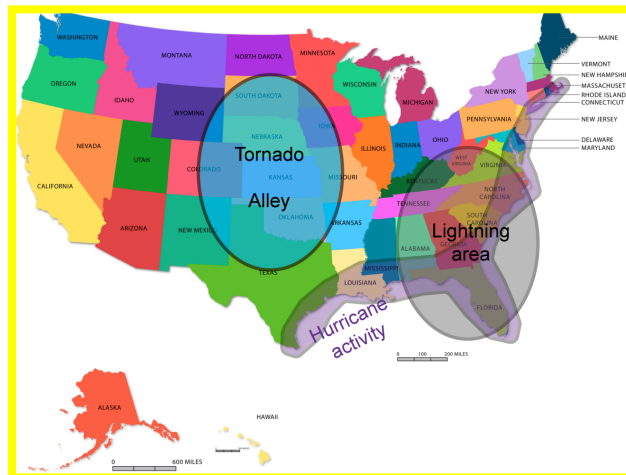
### Landslides

Another hazard caused by weather is a landslide. Heavy rain sometimes loosens the rocks and soil on a hillside. The soil turns into mud and slides down the hill with rocks. Landslides can happen in Tennessee.



Some kinds of severe weather are more likely to happen in certain places.

**Tornado Alley** is a nickname for an area in the center of the U.S. because many tornadoes form there. These tornadoes can be dangerous to people and property.



**Lightning** strikes are also dangerous for people. Many lightning strikes occur in the southeast part of the U.S. By looking at the map, you can see that Tennessee is part of this lightning area.

If a **hurricane** is forecasted for your area, your family should prepare, protect your home, and decide the safest place to be. Hurricanes do not happen in Tennessee, but our state can still experience dangerous storms.

# Severe Weather in Tennessee

## Connecting With Your Child

### Twisting Tornadoes

You can create your own mini tornado with your child.

You will need the following items:

- 2 Empty plastic soda bottles, 2 liters, labels removed
- 1 Metal washer that is the same diameter of the bottle opening (or as close as possible)
- Duct tape
- Water

Procedure (if you don't have a tornado tube connector):

1. Fill the first bottle 2/3 full of water.
2. Place the washer so that it sits directly on the bottle opening.
3. Place the other, unfilled bottle on top of the washer and water-filled bottle so that the washer sits in place between the two. This bottle will be the opposite direction of the first bottle.
4. Use duct tape to secure the two bottles and washer in place. You don't want it to leak, and the duct tape seal should hold the two bottles together tightly with little wobbling.
5. Turn the bottles so that the one with water is directly on top of the other. Do not tilt it.
6. Swirl the upper bottle in a circular motion.
7. Watch the tornado!

If you want to get creative, you can also use food coloring to add color to the tornado and glitter and Styrofoam balls to represent debris.

The Styrofoam balls float but are sucked into the bottom bottle from the power of the spinning vortex. It is really cool to watch!

While the tornado in a bottle is a fun experiment, it is also an excellent learning experience. Discuss with your child ways you can take this experiment even further.

What happens when you narrow or widen the connector between the bottles? What other things can you do to alter the results? Test different openings and see what happens.





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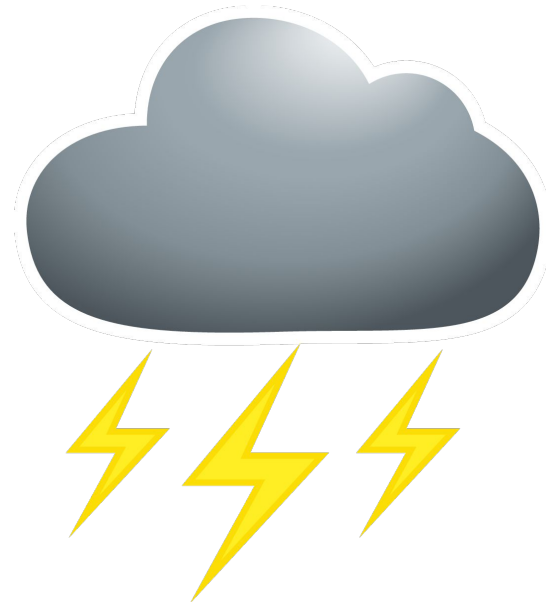
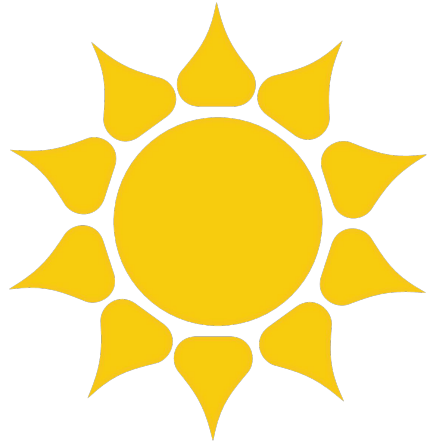
Vocabulary Prediction Chart  
Teacher Printout

| Vocabulary Word | Before Reading | Understanding after Reading |
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| Forecast        |                |                             |
| Meteorologist   |                |                             |
| Evacuate        |                |                             |



# Linking Literacy

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