

It's a Twister! A Twister!

A Cross-Curricular Unit on Windstorms

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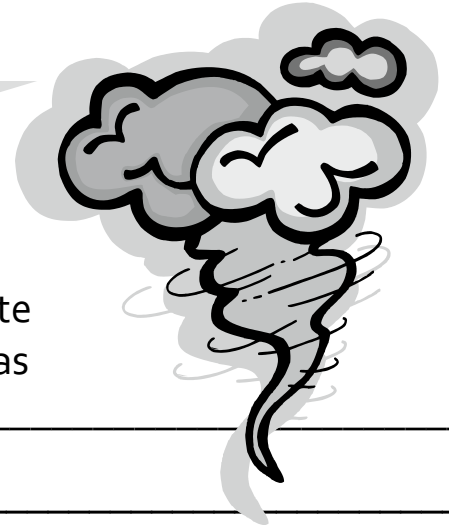
Fill in the blanks with words from the story.

1. _____ tornadoes are the smallest tornadoes and have winds of 100 miles per hour.
2. _____ are windstorms that last for a minute or two and are usually seen in the desert.
3. Hurricanes form over _____ and have heavy rains.
4. A tube of spinning air that dips down from the clouds but has not yet touched the ground is called a _____ cloud.

Write Your Own Story



Tornadoes can be very scary storms. What is the scariest storm you have seen? Was it a tornado? Was it a thunderstorm or a hurricane? What did you do? Write a few sentences describing the storm and how you felt as you were watching it. _____



Vocabulary Builder



Find a word in the story that rhymes with each of the following words.

1. **Blister** rhymes with _____
2. **Plowed** rhymes with _____
3. **Tunnel** rhymes with _____
4. **Mouth** rhymes with _____

Figure It Out!



1. A dust devil forms in the desert with wind speeds of 32 miles per hour. In a nearby town, a tornado forms with wind speeds of 114 miles per hour. How much faster is the tornado than the dust devil? _____
2. A strong tornado hits a city and causes \$1,492 of damage to the movie theater, \$534 of damage to the grocery store, and \$123 of damage to the bank. How much damage did the tornado do to these three buildings? _____

3. A violent twister traveled 63 miles before it stopped spinning. A strong tornado later that day traveled only $\frac{1}{3}$ as far as the violent twister. How far did the strong tornado travel? _____
4. One year, a hurricane ripped 12 trees out of the ground in one town. The next year, a bigger hurricane ripped 3 times as many trees out of the ground as the one the year before. How many trees did the second hurricane destroy?

Word Play



Unscramble each set of letters to make a word from the story.

1. nisnpgni _____
2. tvoleni _____
3. umuacv _____
4. tswiter _____