

# Analyse & Use

## Storm Setting



Read the storm setting description below. Analyse the vocabulary and descriptions that have been used.

A dark, misty haze swept over the evening sky warning people to take shelter from the ferocious disturbance that was about to occur. Swirling, ebony clouds gathered together as if preparing for battle while icy winds whirled across the town gaining in power. Overhead, seagulls squawked and screeched while they tried desperately to escape the upcoming storm. A fine sprinkling of rain quickly turned into a heavy downpour, drenching everything in its path. Suddenly, a powerful flash of jagged lightning tore through the clouds and fiercely lit up the sky. In the distance, the monstrous thunder's voice boomed, rumbling closer and closer as the storm wreaked havoc. The angry sea swallowed the beach as colossal waves crashed against the rocks. As the wind howled and wailed, it ripped off loose tree branches and knocked over garden dustbins. Destructive and dangerous: nothing was going to stand in its way.

# Edit & Improve

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Read the storm setting description below. Edit and improve the vocabulary to make it more descriptive. Add different sentence starters to make the text more engaging.

It was evening and the sky was dark. People went indoors because there was a storm coming. There were black clouds and cold winds. The seagulls were noisy. They flew away to try to escape the storm. There wasn't much rain to start with but then it became heavy. It was really wet. There was lightning and it was very bright. The thunder was noisy and it got closer and closer. The sea was very rough. Then, the wind knocked over bins and tore off tree branches. It was very dangerous.

# Setting Description Checklist

## Did I...

Child

Friend

Teacher

describe what can be seen?

describe what can be heard?

describe what can be felt?

describe the time of day?

describe the weather?

use powerful adjectives to describe the atmosphere/mood?



# Extreme Earth: Natural Disasters

## Descriptive Words

### How Could a Flood Be Described?

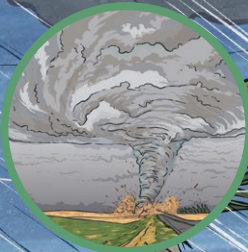
deep, devastating, excessive, extensive, mighty, overwhelming, periodic, rapid, recurrent, seasonal, severe, tremendous, unprecedented

### What Is a Hurricane Like?

catastrophic, deadly, dreadful, forceful, intense, powerful, severe, strong, terrible, unexpected, violent

### What Is a Volcanic Eruption Like?

active, deafening, explosive, fiery, infernal, massive, pressurised, pyroclastic, thermal



### How Could People Feel during a Natural Disaster?

angry, anxious, confused, desperate, despondent, displaced, empty, frightened, grieving, irritable, lost, shocked, traumatised, unsafe, withdrawn, worried

### How Could an Earthquake Be Described?

brief, cataclysmic, continuous, convulsive, large, localised, minor, powerful, violent



### What Is a Tsunami Like?

amplified, coastal, damaging, deadly, devastating, gigantic, monstrous, phenomenal, powerful, seismic, silent, tall, unstoppable, widespread

### How Could a Tornado Be Described?

conical, critical, destructive, ferocious, fierce, furious, intense, loud, sudden, thunderous, tropical



# Descriptive Settings: Storms

What Can I Describe?	How Can I Describe It?	What Can It Do?	Examples of Effective Phrases
wind	blustery	blow	...the banks of the river burst because of the ferocious current...
rain	boisterous	pour	...the bleak sky gushed a heavy downpour...
clouds	fierce	gush	...a fierce crack of thunder...
thunder	sharp	bend	...delicate flakes of snow began to drift through the air...
lightning	cold	break	...only one stream of sunlight...
sun	heavy	snap	
trees	vicious	drift	
grass	strong	destroy	
precipitation	monstrous	fly	
hail	scary	crack	
river	bleak	flash	
air	grey	billow	
sky	frightening	bounce	
weather	dangerous	dance	
temperature	hazardous	glide	
snow	slow	sway	
leaves	rapid	howl	
branches	turbulent	overflow	

