

The Nature of Storms

Chapter Preview

Before you read the chapter, use the "What I Know" column to list three things you know about the nature of storms. Then list three questions you have about the nature of storms in the "What I Want to Find Out" column.

K What I Know	W What I Want to Find Out
1. _____ _____	1. _____ _____
2. _____ _____	2. _____ _____
3. _____ _____	3. _____ _____

SCIENCE JOURNAL

Think about the Launch Lab you did to replicate lightning and record your response in this science journal.

What happened when the x-side of the balloon was held over the paper? What happened when the opposite side of the balloon was held over the paper?

How does this relate to lightening during an electrical storm?

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SECTION 1 Thunderstorms

MAIN IDEA

DETAILS

Read the objectives on the first page of Section 1. List three questions that come to mind.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Review Vocabulary

Use your text to define the following term.

latent heat

New Vocabulary

Use your text to define each term.

*air-mass
thunderstorm*

*mountain
thunderstorm*

*sea-breeze
thunderstorm*

*frontal
thunderstorm*

stepped leader

return stroke

SECTION 1 Thunderstorms (continued)

MAIN IDEA

How Thunderstorms Form

Use with pages 344–345.

Air-Mass Thunderstorms

Use with page 346.

Frontal Thunderstorms

Use with page 346.

DETAILS

Summarize three conditions that must be met for a thunder storm to occur.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Draw diagrams that explain the formation of a mountain thunderstorm and a sea-breeze thunderstorm. Use Figure 3 in your text to help you.

Analyze Figure 1 in your text. Use the diagrams you drew above to explain the reason for the placement of the red and orange zones in Figure 1.

Explain frontal thunderstorms by completing the following sentences.

The _____, _____ movement of air in a _____ front can produce a line of thunderstorms. These thunderstorms can occur at _____, because they do not depend on _____. Thunderstorms can also be associated with _____. These thunderstorms are usually fairly _____.

SECTION 1 Thunderstorms (continued)

MAIN IDEA

Stages of Development

Use with page 347.

DETAILS

Sequence the steps in the process of thunderstorm formation. The first one has been completed for you.

- _____ precipitation falls, cooling the air around it
- 1** _____ air rises vertically, creating updrafts
- _____ supply of warm, moist air runs out, stopping the updrafts
- _____ cloud droplet coalesce, until they are so latent they fall as precipitation
- _____ downdrafts form
- _____ moisture condenses and releases latent heat
- _____ nearly equal amounts of updrafts and downdrafts exist with a cumulonimbus cloud

Compare and contrast the stages of a thunderstorm. Use Figure 4 to help you make detailed sketches of the cumulus stage, the mature stage, and the dissipation stage. Note similarities and differences between the stages.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTION

Imagine there is a thunderstorm raging outside. You see the lightning flash long before the thunderclap is heard. Describe how you can estimate the distance to the storm.

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SECTION 2 Severe Weather

MAIN IDEA

DETAILS

Scan Section 2 in your text. Use the checklist below as a guide.

- Read all the section titles.
- Read all bold words.
- Look at all figures and photos and read their captions.
- Think about what you already know about severe weather and its causes.

Review Vocabulary

Use your text to define the following term.

air mass

New Vocabulary

Use your text to define each term.

supercell

downburst

tornado

*Enhanced Fujita Tornado
Damage scale*

Academic Vocabulary

Define the following term.

phenomenon

SECTION 2 Severe Weather (continued)

MAIN IDEA

Severe Thunderstorms

Use with page 350.

DETAILS

Sequence the steps in the formation of a severe thunderstorm.

- Strength of storm's updrafts and downdrafts intensifies.
- The cold, high air increases temperature differences.
- A severe storm is formed.
- Cold fronts formed with upper level, low-pressure systems.
- Air becomes more unstable.

1. Cold fronts formed with upper level, low-pressure systems.

2.

3.

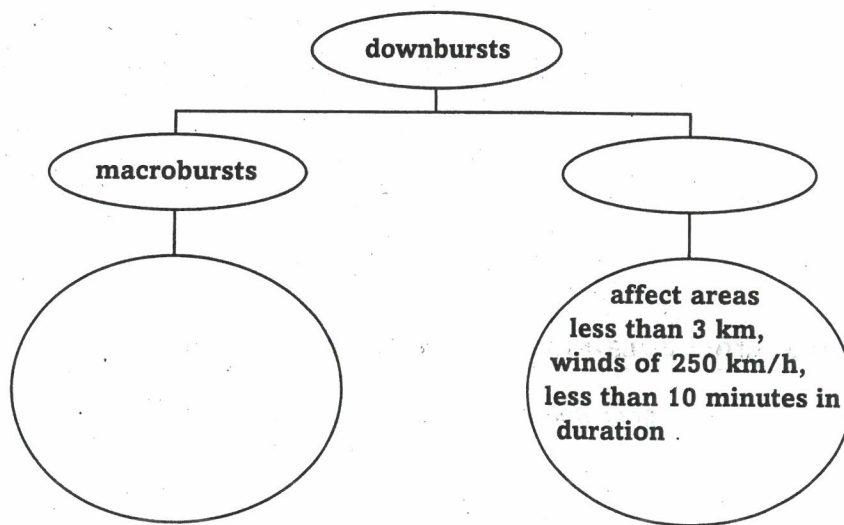
4.

5.

The Fury of the Wind

Use with page 351.

Organize information about downbursts in the graphic organizer.



SECTION 2 Severe Weather (continued)

MAIN IDEA

DETAILS

Hail, Floods

Use with page 351.

Analogy *An oyster forms a pearl by putting many layers of shell material over a grain of sand or other material. Tell how the formation of a hailstone is similar to the formation of a pearl.*

Tornadoes

Use with pages 352–353.

Define *Tornado Alley is a real place in the Midwestern United States. This area is more susceptible to tornadoes than other regions of the country. Explain why this is so.*

Model *tornado formation. Draw a series of pictures to show the formation of a tornado. Use Figure 10 as a guide.*

REAL-WORLD CONNECTION

What if you are fishing from a rowboat in the middle of a lake. You notice the clouds building, getting darker, and then it starts to rain. Are you in danger of being struck by lightning? Explain your answer.

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SECTION 3 Tropical Storms

MAIN IDEA

DETAILS

Scan Section 3 of the text. Read the section title, bold words, figures and figure captions. Write three facts you discovered about tropical storms as you scanned the section.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Review Vocabulary

Coriolis effect

Use your text to define the following term.

New Vocabulary

In the left margin, write the terms defined below.

large, rotating low-pressure storm that gets its energy from the evaporation of warm ocean water and the release of heat

calm center of a hurricane

strongest winds of hurricane in a band surrounding the eye

classification of hurricanes based on wind speed, air pressure, and potential for property damage

mound of ocean water driven toward land by hurricane-force winds

Academic Vocabulary

depression

Define the following term.

SECTION 3 Tropical Storms (continued)

MAIN IDEA

Tropical Cyclones
 Use with pages 355–356.

DETAILS

Sequence the steps in the process of the formation of a hurricane.
The first one is done for you.

- _____ disturbances produce more precipitation, more energy is released
- 1** _____ as water evaporates from the ocean surface, latent heat is stored
- _____ the Coriolis effect causes moving air to turn counterclockwise in the northern hemisphere
- _____ rising air creates a low pressure area at ocean's surface
- _____ latent heat released, when air begins to rise and clouds form
- _____ cyclonic rotation of a tropical cyclone

List the three names used around the world for tropical cyclones, and identify the locations where each is used.

Name	Locations
A. _____	i. _____
B. _____	i. _____
C. _____	i. _____ ii. _____ iii. _____ iv. _____

Analyze the formation of tropical cyclones in the outline below.

- I. Two conditions required for a tropical cyclone to form:
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
- II. Two tropical oceans where tropical cyclones do not form:
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
- III. Two reasons tropical cyclones do not form in those two places:
 - A. _____
 - B. _____

SECTION 3 Tropical Storms (continued)

MAIN IDEA

DETAILS

Model a hurricane, as seen from above. Use Figure 14 in your text as a guide. Your drawing should include:

- descending air
- eye
- warm moist air
- direction of rotation
- eyewall

Classifying Hurricanes
Use with page 358.

Complete the following sentences.

A hurricane usually _____ strength as it moves over _____ or _____ because it has no access to the _____ from which it draws its energy. Hurricanes _____ in intensity over their life cycle as they interact with _____.

Hurricane Hazards
Use with pages 356–358.

Analyze why flooding is an additional hazard of hurricanes by completing the statements.

Flooding occurs due to _____, caused by the _____.
Floods will be worse if _____, because _____.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTION

Hurricanes that form during a new moon are potentially more damaging than those that form during the third quarter of the lunar cycle. Explain why this is true.

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SECTION 4 Recurrent Weather

MAIN IDEA

DETAILS

Consider the title of the section. Predict three topics that might be discussed in the section.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Review Vocabulary

Use your text to define the following term.

Fahrenheit scale

New Vocabulary

Use your text to define each term.

drought

heat wave

cold wave

wind-chill index

SECTION 4 Recurrent Weather (continued)

MAIN IDEA

DETAILS

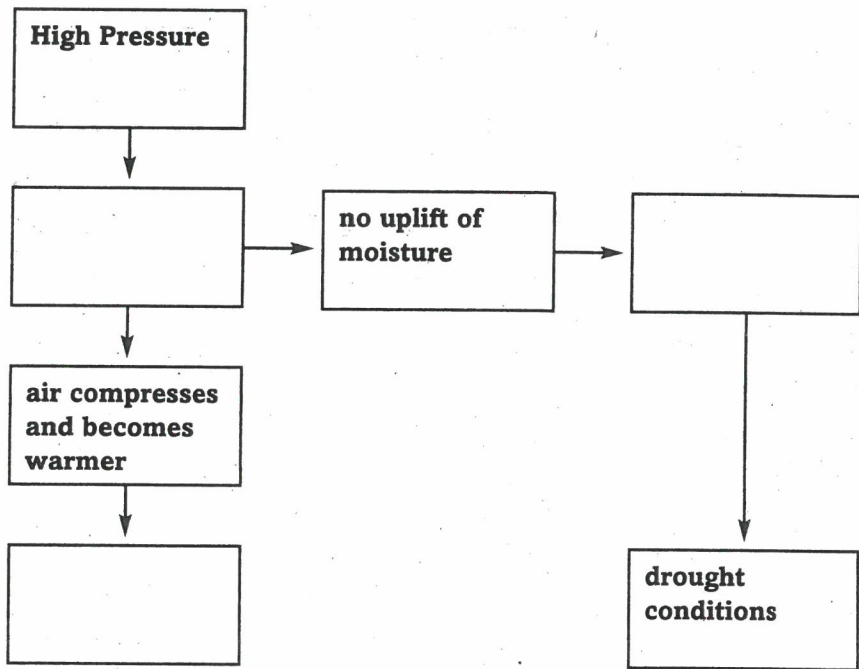
Flood and Droughts

Use with pages 361–362.

Compare and contrast *floods and droughts*.

	Definition	Cause	Impact
Flood			
Drought			

Analyze the problems associated with large domes of high pressure. Complete the flow chart below.



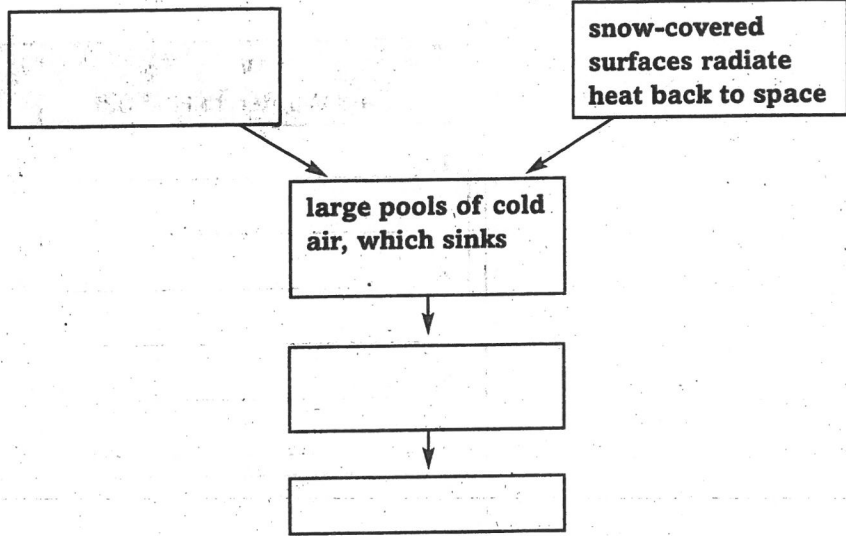
SECTION 4 Recurrent Weather (continued)

MAIN IDEA | **DETAILS**

Cold Waves

Use with pages 362–365.

Analyze cold waves completing the following flow chart.



Compare and Contrast *heat waves and cold waves*.

	Heat Waves	Cold Waves
Cause		
Other Factors		

REAL-WORLD CONNECTION

Explain what happens to the water table, zone of saturation, and zone of aeration of an area during a flood.

The Nature of Storms Chapter Wrap-Up

In the "What I Wanted to Find Out" column, copy the questions you listed in the Chapter Preview. In the "What I Learned" column, write down the answers you discovered as you worked through the chapter.

W What I Wanted to Find Out	L What I Learned
1. _____ _____	1. _____ _____
2. _____ _____	2. _____ _____
3. _____ _____	3. _____ _____

Review

Use this checklist to help you study.

- Study your Science Notebook for this chapter.
- Study the definitions of vocabulary words.
- Review daily homework assignments.
- Reread the chapter and review the tables, graphs, and illustrations.
- Review the Section Assessment questions at the end of each section.
- Look over the Study Guide at the end of the chapter.

SUMMARIZE

After reading this chapter, list three things you have learned about storms.
