

STORMS



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Weather can be useful at times, but it can be dangerous too.

One kind of weather is rain. Rain helps flowers. It gives them water to drink.



All plants and animals need water
to grow. So rain is useful.



But rain can turn into a storm.
One kind of storm is a thunderstorm.



It can rain so much that there is a flood.
Water can rise up and up and up.
Too much rain can be dangerous.



Snow is a kind of weather that is useful.
Snow can give trees a rest from growing.
Most trees lose leaves before it snows.



Snow gives water to plants and animals.
And kids can make a snowman with snow.
So snow is useful.



But snow can turn into a storm.
One kind of storm is a blizzard. In a
blizzard, a lot of ice and snow can fall.



It can snow too much. Then cars
cannot drive on the road.
Too much snow can be dangerous.



Another kind of weather is wind.
Wind is useful. It helps plants. It picks up
seeds and drops them in new places.



Wind helps people dry clothes, too.

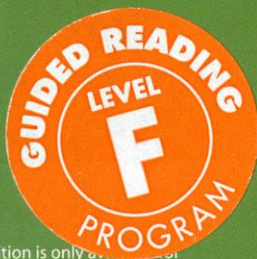


But wind can turn into a storm. One kind of storm is a tornado. In a tornado, wind spins around very fast and picks up dust.



There can be so much wind that it rips apart homes.
It can rip up trees. Too much wind can be dangerous!
Isn't it nice that dangerous storms don't happen
all the time?

You don't have to go outside to see
rainstorms and blizzards.
Just open this book and take a look!



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