

thunderstorm**thun·der·storm** [thunderstorm thunderstorms] *BrE* ['θʌndəstɔːrm] *NAmE*['θʌndərstɔːrm] *noun*a storm with **↑thunder** and **↑lightning** and usually very heavy rainExample Bank:

- He slept well, unaware of the thunderstorms which filled the night.
- The church was struck by lightning during a violent thunderstorm.

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a storm with thunder and lightning

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- **storm** a period of very bad weather when there is a lot of rain or snow, strong winds, and often lightning: The ship sank in a violent storm. | They got caught in a storm on top of the mountain. | The storm hit the coast of Florida on Tuesday. | The cost of repairing storm damage will run into millions of pounds.
- **thunderstorm** a storm in which there is a lot of **↑thunder** (=loud noise in the sky) and **↑lightning** (=flashes of light in the sky): When I was young i was terrified of thunderstorms.
- **hurricane** a storm that has very strong fast winds and that moves over water – used about storms in the North Atlantic Ocean: Hurricane Katrina battered the US Gulf Coast. | the hurricane season
- **typhoon** a very violent tropical storm – used about storms in the Western Pacific Ocean: A powerful typhoon hit southern China today. | Weather experts are monitoring typhoons in Hong Kong and China.
- **cyclone** a severe storm affecting a large area, in which the wind moves around in a big circle: Thousands of people died when a tropical cyclone hit Bangladesh. | Cyclone 'Joy' inflicted damage estimated at \$40 million, with winds of up to 145 miles per hour.
- **tornado** (also **twister** *American English informal*) an extremely violent storm that consists of air that spins very quickly and causes a lot of damage: The tornado ripped the roof off his house. | For the second time in a week deadly tornadoes have torn through Tennessee.
- **snowstorm** a storm with strong winds and a lot of snow: A major snowstorm blew across Colorado.
- **blizzard** a severe snowstorm in which the snow is blown around by strong winds, making it difficult to see anything: We got stuck in a blizzard. | Denver is bracing itself for blizzard conditions.

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