

Tornado and Thunderstorm Sentence Strips

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Tornadoes usually develop during thunderstorms, mainly in the spring and summer.

Thunderstorms usually develop between May and September in the Northern Hemisphere. In the Southern Hemisphere, they develop between November and March.

Thunderstorms are the most frequent in temperate and tropical regions.

The appearance of several tornadoes over a broad region is called a tornado outbreak.

The United States has the most reported tornadoes per year, especially in the Great Plains region.

Thunderstorms are usually violent and short-lived. They almost always include thick clouds, heavy rain or hail, lightning, thunder, and strong winds.

A tornado is a column of strongly rotating winds. It can produce winds as fast as 300 miles (483 kilometers) per hour.