

Super English



Unit 4 - Lesson 1 - Natural Disasters

Vocabulary



Natural Disasters - Vocabulary



brutal: extremely violent or harsh (adj)



The **brutal** war destroyed many buildings and killed many people.

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destruction: causing so much damage to something that it no longer exists or cannot be repaired (n)



The fire caused massive **destruction** to the forest in just a few days.

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vortex: a mass of air or water that spins around very fast and pulls objects into its empty center (n)



The ship got sucked into a large **vortex** in the ocean during the storm.

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supercell: an unusually large, rotating storm with a persistent updraft (n)



A **supercell** developed over the city, so the people needed to find shelter.

Reading



The Weather's Wild Side

Weather isn't always just sunny skies or a gentle breeze. Sometimes, it shows off its brutal side with crazy events like floods, cyclones, and lightning storms. But the real boss-level disaster? Tornadoes. Also called twisters, these spinning nightmares are like giant drills made of air that connect storm clouds to the ground. When they show up, it's total chaos. A tornado can tear houses apart, rip up trees, and leave a trail of destruction like it's flexing its power.



1. What can tornadoes do when they touch down?
2. Do you think people can ever stop tornadoes from causing destruction?

Supercells: The Tornado Factory



1. What is a funnel cloud?
2. Do you think technology will ever make tornado prediction 100% accurate? Explain.

So, where do these monsters come from? Well, tornadoes don't just pop up randomly—they're born inside gigantic thunderstorms called supercells. Picture a storm on steroids. These things have insane power and spin like crazy. Sometimes, they create funnel clouds that dangle from the sky but don't actually touch down. Other times, the funnel slams into the ground, and boom—you've got a tornado. Scientists study tornadoes all the time, but even the experts can't fully predict them.

Grammar





First Conditional

Used to talk about possibilities in the present or the future.

if clause (condition),

main clause (result)

If a condition exists,

the result will be true.

present simple

future - will/won't

- If you study, you will pass the exam.
- If it rains today, I won't go to the park.
- I will tell you if he calls.
- I won't be happy if I lose my keys.

Let's Talk!





Dialogue 1: Twister Trouble

Mia: Ugh, I saw this video of a tornado tossing cars like paper. Total nightmare.

Jordan: Yeah, tornadoes don't play. That's brutal.

Mia: Imagine just chilling at home and then—boom—your house is gone.

Jordan: Instant destruction. Like, one second chill, the next second chaos.

Mia: Honestly, I'd just move. Why live where that happens?

Jordan: True. But would you miss the thrill?

Question: Would you ever live in a place with tornadoes if the rest of life there was amazing?

Unlocking Word Parts



WORDS

Suffix - ation

Adding the suffix **-ation** changes a verb to a noun, and this new word tells us about an action, process or result.

- You **inspire** me.
- You have given me **inspiration**.



- I will **examine** you.
- I will give you an **examination**.



Suffix - ation

There are spelling rules we have to follow!

words ending in **-ate**

drop the **-e**

add **-ion**

vacate - **vacation**

words ending in **-y**

change the **-y to -ic**

add **-ation**

magnify - **magnification**

words ending in **(re, ve, se)**

drop the **-e**

add **-ation**

respire - **respiration**

most other root words just

add **-ation**

But there are always words
that don't follow rules!

See you next time!

