

Tornadoes

Fill-in-the-Blank

Tornadoes are one of the most powerful and _____ weather phenomena. Although the details of tornado formation are still being researched, there are a few general steps to their formation.



Most tornadoes develop from _____, which are storms that are characterized by strong rotating updrafts. A supercell develops because of _____ in the atmosphere, which is wind moving different speeds at different heights.



_____ clouds develop as supercells rapidly pull moist air into the storm. If air merges rapidly beneath the wall cloud, the rotation narrows and spins faster and faster, just like ice skaters spin faster when their arms are drawn in.



When this rotation extends from the _____ to the _____, a tornado has formed.



However not all supercells produce tornadoes because just the right conditions are needed at the surface.



When a tornado _____ is issued for your area, seek shelter immediately



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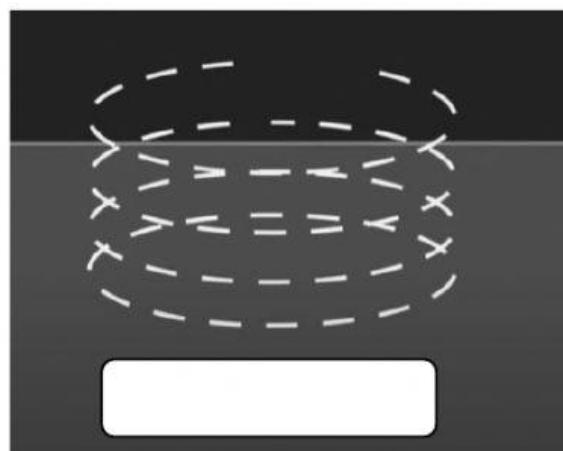
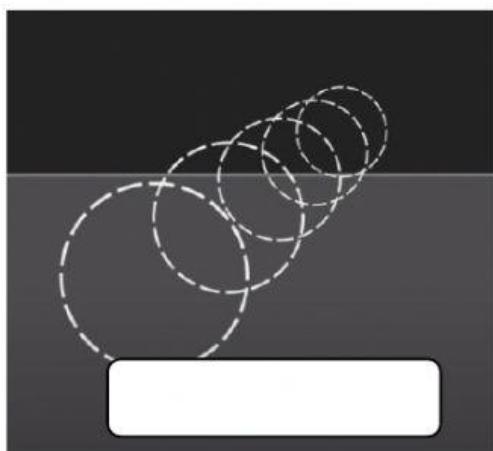
cloud	ground	wind shear	Wall
supercells	warning	violent	

Label the diagrams below: Supercell or Non supercell

_____ Tornadoes



_____ Tornado



Label the EF Scale below with the correct wind speeds for each category.

ENHANCED FUJITA (EF SCALE)		
EF5	_____ MPH	INCREDIBLE DAMAGE
EF4	_____ MPH	DEVASTATING DAMAGE
EF3	_____ MPH	SEVERE DAMAGE
EF2	_____ MPH	CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE
EF1	_____ MPH	MODERATE DAMAGE
EFO	_____ MPH	LIGHT DAMAGE