

Wild Weather!

Our planet has all sorts of weather. Some days are sunny and calm. But sometimes, nature shows its powerful side with wild and extreme weather!

Imagine a scary **hailstorm** where balls of ice fall from the sky! This often happens during a storm with loud **thunder and lightning**. In cold places, a huge **snowstorm** can cover everything in deep, fluffy snow.

Sometimes, it gets too hot. A long **heatwave** can make the ground very dry. This dry ground can help start a dangerous **forest fire**. If it doesn't rain for a very, very long time, it causes a **drought**. Plants can't grow, and animals get thirsty.

Over the ocean, a mighty **cyclone** (like a hurricane) can form with whirling winds and heavy rain. This rain can cause a **flood**, where water covers the land. A **tornado** is a spinning funnel of wind that can destroy buildings. In the desert, a **sandstorm** blows sand everywhere, making it hard to see or breathe.

Some big events come from the ground itself! A **volcano** is a mountain that can explode, shooting out hot rock and ash. If an earthquake happens under the ocean, it can create a giant wave called a **tsunami**.

Weather can be amazing, but it's important to be ready and stay safe!

Comprehension Questions (Multiple Choice)

1. What often happens at the same time as a hailstorm?

- a) A heatwave
- b) Thunder and lightning
- c) A sandstorm
- d) A volcano

2. What extreme weather event is described as a "spinning funnel of wind"?

- a) A cyclone

- b) A flood
- c) A tornado
- d) A tsunami

3. What is a main cause of a forest fire, according to the text?

- a) A snowstorm
- b) A long heatwave
- c) A hailstorm
- d) Thunder and lightning

4. What happens when there is no rain for a very long time?

- a) A flood
- b) A drought
- c) A cyclone
- d) A sandstorm

5. Where does a cyclone form?

- a) Over the desert
- b) In a forest
- c) Over the ocean
- d) On a mountain

6. What is a giant wave caused by an underwater earthquake called?

- a) A tornado
- b) A volcano
- c) A tsunami
- d) A hailstorm

7. What is the main advice the text gives about wild weather?

- a) Be scared of it.
- b) Ignore it.
- c) Be ready and stay safe.
- d) Only go outside during a storm.