Storm

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A storm is a violent disturbance by strong wind and heavy rain. There are two types of common storms found in Asia which include thunderstorms and cyclones. Some storms can move extremely fast and may cause death and loss of properties.



In a thunderstorm, heavy rain falls, lightning flashes and thunders roll. This storm often occurs when hot and cold air collide. The extreme difference in air temperature causes strong thunderstorm with strong winds.

Cyclones are huge storms caused by rotating strong winds. They usually originate from the equator. There are different names in different areas. If they appear in America, they are known as hurricanes. In Japan, Philippines, Hong Kong and China, they are called typhoons. In India, they are cyclones.



Satellite view of a cyclone

A thunderstorm	Japan and China etc.	Damage properties
a hurricane	Because of heavy rain	A cyclone

Q1: Which kind of storm is bigger? A thunderstorm or a cyclone? _____

Q2: What is the name for a cyclone in America? _____

Q3: Where do we call a cyclone a typhoon? _____

Q4: How can strong winds be harmful? _____

Q5: Why do we often get floods during a cyclone? _____

Wrong answer: _____

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