

# Terrible Tornadoes

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24 from a thunderstorm on the ground. They are  
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41 trunk spinning from the sky to the floor.  
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62 cause a lot of damage.  
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80 even carry cars through  
86 the air for a long distance.  
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101 one quite knows how or  
104 why they stop.



## Questions



1. What are tornadoes sometimes called?

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2. How do you think someone might feel if they see a tornado? Explain your answer.

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3. **...they can cause a lot of damage.**

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## Answers



1. What are tornadoes sometimes called?  
**Tornadoes are sometimes called twisters.**



2. How do you think someone might feel if they see a tornado? Explain your answer.  
**Pupils' own responses, such as; Someone might feel worried if they saw a tornado because they are very dangerous and can easily destroy things.**



3. ...they can cause a lot of damage.  
What does 'damage' mean?  
**Damage is when something has been broken or destroyed.**



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