

# EXTREME WEATHER

## Lesson Plan

### Tornado Terms

Lesson Plan for *Tornadoes*  
Grade 3

#### Objective

To help students practice using topic-specific vocabulary related to tornadoes.

#### Things Needed:

- *Tornadoes* book
- Tornado Terms worksheet (attached)

#### Before the Activity

Have students read the *Tornadoes* book. Print a copy of the “Tornado Terms” worksheet for each student.

#### Activity

Pass out the “Tornado Terms” worksheet. Explain that this worksheet contains words from the *Tornadoes* book, but the letters in each word are all mixed up. Students should use the clues to write the correct word underneath each scrambled version.

#### Evaluation

Use the attached answer key to give each student 1 point for each correct answer.

#### Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards’ reading standards for informational texts, grade 3 (RI 3.4).



# Tornado Terms

Use the clues to write the unscrambled version of each word.

1. nootrad: a tower of spinning wind
2. frapdut: a current of air moving upward inside a storm
3. tnafdrow: a current of air moving downward
4. soupewttar: a tornado that forms over a lake
5. murstthendor: the kind of storm that can create a tornado
6. goosettemilor: a scientist who studies and predicts the weather
7. draar: devices that use colors to show different types of weather
8. ribdes: the remains of something broken
9. hatwc: an alert meaning a tornado is possible
10. grinwan: an alert meaning a tornado has been seen



# Tornado Terms Answer Key

Use the clues to write the unscrambled version of each word.

1. nootrad: a tower of spinning wind

**tornado**

2. frapdut: a current of air moving upward inside a storm

**updraft**

3. tnafdrow: a current of air moving downward

**downdraft**

4. soupewttar: a tornado that forms over a lake

**waterspout**

5. murstthendor: the kind of storm that can create a tornado

**thunderstorm**

6. goosettemilor: a scientist who studies and predicts the weather

**meteorologist**

7. draar: devices that use colors to show different types of weather

**radar**

8. ribdes: the remains of something broken

**debris**

9. hatwc: an alert meaning a tornado is possible

**watch**

10. grinwan: an alert meaning a tornado has been seen

**warning**

