

Extreme Weather

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Weather is a normal thing all people experience. Weather might mean extreme heat and no wind. It might be heavy rain and storms. It might mean a snowstorm, or it might mean a beautiful, sunny day.

At times, weather can become extreme, or dangerous. This is the blizzards, hurricanes, or weather dangers different causes are similar.

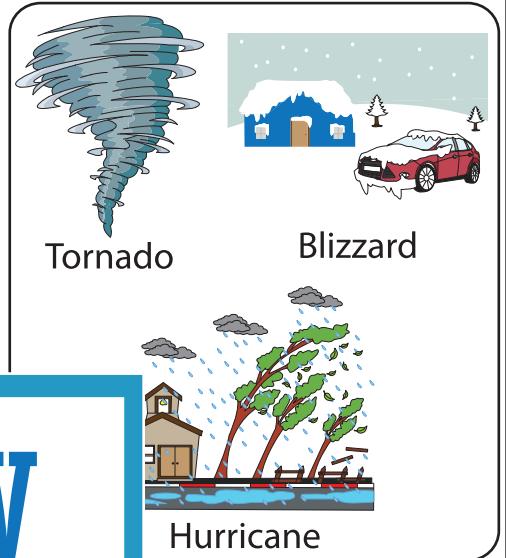
You might be wondering what the next? How can the

When a weather called extreme weather has devastating effects

Extreme weather plants. It causes natural destructive floods, typhoons

It is the change in climate that triggers extreme weather events across the globe. Extreme weather is also a consequence of global warming. There has been a surge in the number of heat waves, hurricanes, and tornadoes across the world, and the severity of these events has also increased.

What happens during extreme weather? That depends on each event. A tornado typically occurs during a severe thunderstorm. There can be wind, rain, hail, and



Tornado

Blizzard

Hurricane

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any one week and rainy the next?

weather pattern, it is but it is powerful and

humans, animals, and glaciations, disrupts everyday life.

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lightning. Tornadoes are most common in the spring and summer, but they can happen all year round.

Hurricanes are similar to tornadoes, but they develop over the ocean. The shifts in the air build to create a massive cyclone. When a hurricane blows over the land, it becomes dangerous for the people who live there.

Blizzards and ice storms typically happen when the shifting air currents happen in the winter months or the colder climates. There can be strong winds and lightning, which are similar to thunderstorms.

Dust storms are precipitation, or rain, and thunderstorms a moves. This creates la buildings in the storm

There are a few atmosphere and a sh the Earth from outer space. It also keeps th escape. If the heat we

The climate is t this is known as climate change.

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1) Give three examples of natural disasters caused by extreme weather.

2) What is extreme weather? Write two characteristics of extreme weather.

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3) Match each weather event with its occurrence.

Weather Event

Tornado •

Blizzard •

Hurricane •

Dust storm •

occurrence.

Location/Place of Occurrence

rising air currents

destructive cyclone

• deserts

• a severe thunderstorm

