

# CAN YOU SPEAK TORNADO?

## An Extreme Weather Glossary

### Meteorologist

A person who studies the science of weather.

### Tornado Watch

An official alert sent out to tell people that there are storms in the area that could cause tornadoes.

### Tornado Warning

A warning sent out by the weather service when an actual tornado funnel has been seen. (A tornado warning is more serious than a tornado watch.)

### Funnel cloud

A cloud with swirling winds. Once a funnel cloud hits the ground, it is officially called a tornado.

### Cyclone

Another word for tornado.

### Waterspout

A tornado over water.

### Supercell

A powerful thunderstorm capable of creating tornadoes.

### Tornado Alley

A name for the area of the United States from South Dakota to northern Texas, where most tornadoes happen each year.

### Doppler

A kind of radar used to track supercells and other storms.