

Catastrophic Events

Picture Vocabulary

Earth and Space

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Extreme weather events such as floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes; classified by the extent and intensity of their impact on the ecosystem.

Ecosystem



Two ecosystems after catastrophic events

The environment and all of the populations in an area and all of the interactions among them.

Flood



A rising body of water that submerges normally dry land.

Hurricane



A large, tropical weather system in the northeastern Pacific or northern Atlantic Ocean consisting of an extreme low pressure air mass with heavy rains and wind speeds of at least 119km/h.

Tornado



A violently rotating column of air extending from a thunderstorm to the ground with wind speeds from 40 to 318 mph.