

Storm Damage

Strong winds are very powerful. They can destroy crops, blow down trees, and damage buildings. Sometimes people and animals die.



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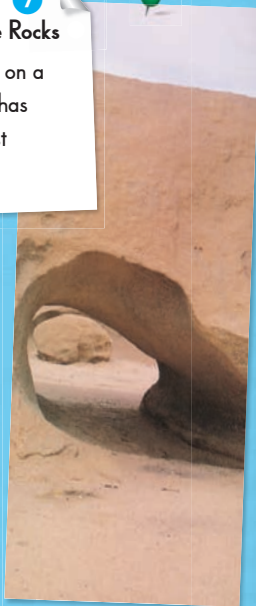
We need to know when a bad storm is on the way. Then we can prepare ourselves for it.

How do we know? Who tells us when a storm is coming?

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7 Wearing Away at the Rocks

Have you ever been on a beach when the wind has blown the sand against your legs? It stings!



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Sand that is picked up by a strong wind hits hard against the rocks. It can make them very smooth. Sometimes it even wears them into strange shapes.

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Windy Days Big Book, pp. 34–41



Teacher Tip

CLASSIFY AND CATEGORIZE To help students with this skill, encourage them to group objects, such as blocks, in various ways. Then have them discuss the different ways they might categorize the blocks.

Comprehension Skills

Classify and Categorize

- ◆ Reread pages 34–37, and have volunteers repeat words that tell what a *dust storm*, *twisting wind*, *hurricane*, and *blizzard* are like. Then have students tell where on the chart you should place these storms.
- ◆ Reread pages 40–41, and have volunteers repeat words that tell about the winds that wear away rocks. Then have students tell where on the chart you should place *winds that carry sand*.

Reading with a Writer's Eye

Text Structure: Types

Reread the headings on pages 34–41, and ask students how the author has grouped the information. *by the different kinds of damaging winds*



Vocabulary Tip

Review the meaning of the word *stings*. Then have students use the word in a sentence.