

# Text Feature Descriptions

(Answers may vary slightly)

## Part 1: Label the Features

**Directions:** Look at the text below and label all the text features. (Hint: Label the titles, headings, subheadings, map, sidebar, and bold words.)

### Tornadoes

A **tornado** is a storm that can damage buildings and land. Winds can reach up to 300 miles per hour! Tornadoes form from huge rain storms with thunder and lightning, or **thunderstorms**. Cool, dry air from the north and warm, moist air from the south meet. This causes thunderstorms, which can become extreme. When the gases in the air are not stable, the winds can get stronger and create a tornado.

### Did you know?

Tornadoes are most common in the central part of the United States. It is called **Tornado Alley** because that is where so many tornadoes happen. Some states in Tornado Alley are Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Tornadoes form here because of the way the air moves.






**Directions:** Answer the following questions based on the "Tornadoes" text above.

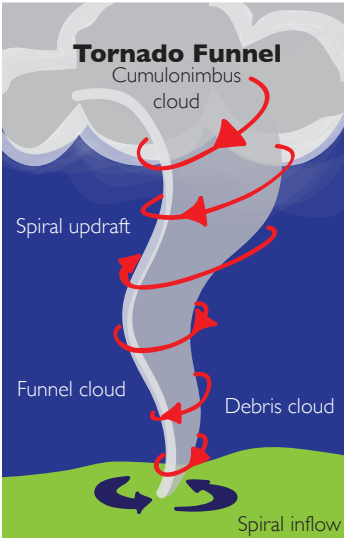
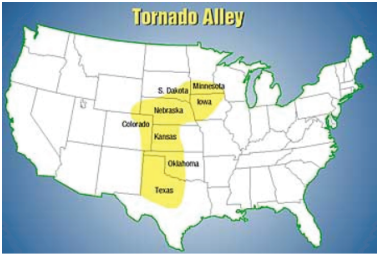
- List all the boldprint words. Tornado, thunderstorms, Tornado Alley
- What information is in the sidebar? The sidebar is about an area in the United States that has a lot of tornadoes. There are a lot of tornadoes in that part of the country because of the way the air moves.
- What causes thunderstorms? When cool, dry air meets warm, moist air, the clash between the two types of air become so extreme that thunderstorms form.

## Part 2: Describe the Features

### Directions:

- Look at the information in the *Text Features* and *Example* column.
- Complete the *Definition* column.
- In the *Example Description* column, write about what you see in the *Example* column.

Text Feature	Definition	Example	Example Description
<p>photograph</p>	<p>It's a picture made by using a camera that records an image.</p>		<p>This photograph has a tornado. I see dark clouds and open land.</p>
<p>caption</p>	<p>It is a set of words that describes a picture in a magazine, book, or newspaper.</p>	 <p>Usually a tornado is in the form of a funnel. Sometimes it looks like a rope.</p>	<p>This caption has information about what a tornado looks like. It looks like a funnel or a rope.</p>
<p>sidebar</p>	<p>It is a short article that highlights some aspect of the larger story beside or near the main text.</p>	<p><b>Did you know?</b></p> <p>Tornadoes are most common in an area of the United States called <b>Tornado Alley</b>. This area is where many tornadoes form because of the way the air moves.</p> 	<p>This sidebar has information about an area in the United States that has a lot of tornadoes. There are a lot of tornadoes in that part of the country because of the way the air moves.</p>

<p>diagram</p>	<p>It is a drawing or plan that shows how something has different parts or how the parts work together.</p>	 <p>The diagram illustrates the structure of a tornado. At the top is a large, grey, billowing cloud labeled 'Cumulonimbus cloud'. A vertical column of air descends from it, labeled 'Spiral updraft', with red arrows showing a clockwise rotation. This column narrows into a 'Funnel cloud'. At the bottom, a 'Debris cloud' is shown where the funnel touches the ground. Red arrows also indicate a 'Spiral inflow' of air at the base. The ground is depicted as a green hill.</p>	<p>This diagram has labels for the pieces of the tornado. It shows the parts of the tornado and the direction the funnel moves.</p>
<p>map</p>	<p>It is a picture of an area of the earth or sky drawn or printed on a flat surface.</p>	 <p>The map shows the United States with a yellow shaded region in the central part, labeled 'Tornado Alley'. The states included in this region are South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.</p>	<p>The map has information about an area in the United States that has a lot of tornadoes. It has some yellow shading to highlight the area.</p>
<p>boldface print</p>	<p>They are dark words that stand out from the other words around it.</p>	<p>Tornadoes form from huge rain storms with thunder and lightning, or <b>thunderstorms.</b></p>	<p>This sentence has the word "thunderstorms" in boldface print to show that it is a keyword. It has dark, black letters.</p>