

# Text Feature Descriptions

**Text Features** are visual pieces of an article that help organize the information.

## 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.

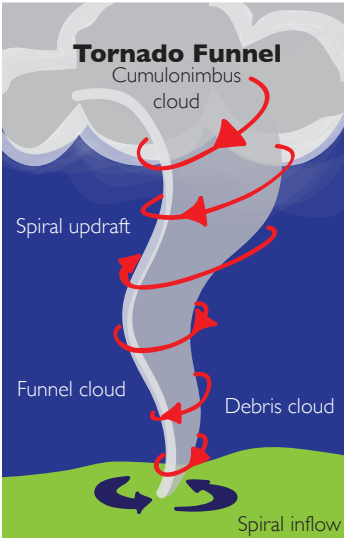
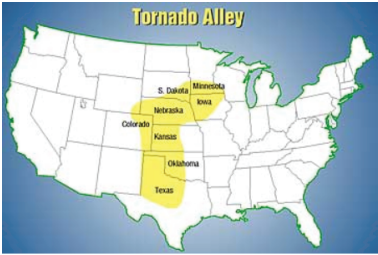
1. List all the boldprint words. \_\_\_\_\_
2. What information is in the sidebar? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What causes thunderstorms? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Part 2: Describe the Features

### 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>caption</p>		 <p>Usually a tornado is in the form of a funnel. Sometimes it looks like a rope.</p>	
<p>sidebar</p>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><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>  </div>	

<p>diagram</p>		 <p><b>Tornado Funnel</b> Cumulonimbus cloud Spiral updraft Funnel cloud Debris cloud Spiral inflow</p>	
<p>map</p>		 <p><b>Tornado Alley</b> S. Dakota Minnesota Iowa Nebraska Kansas Oklahoma Texas</p>	
<p>boldface print</p>		<p>Tornadoes form from huge rain storms with thunder and lightning, or <b>thunderstorms.</b></p>	