

Story Starters

Use these as the first line of your story.

1. A cooling rain drenched his aching skin.
2. Crackles of energy built in the dark clouds.
3. The funeral started with a downpour on a gloomy Tuesday.
4. The evening air thickened with the threat of a coming storm.
5. Wind yanked palm trees back and forth until they nearly toppled.
6. Lightning struck twice that day.
7. The fog rolling in carried an unpleasant rotting smell with it.
8. More than corpses washed out of the flooded cemetery.
9. Within an hour the light rain became a screaming hailstorm.
10. They named her after the storm she'd been born in.
11. The 'Storm of the Century' wasn't supposed to last 100 years.
12. They lost their house in the tornado, but held onto their secrets.
13. Mother taught me to withstand the storms.
14. The breezes whispered dark secrets to him.
15. Even the howling wind avoided the rotting tower.
16. Record-breaking temperatures became the norm that summer.
17. Her best curtains had been drenched by the downpour.
18. Snow dumped on the city for three days.
19. He was out in the pouring rain with nothing but a spade to prove his words.
20. Mentioning ice was enough to make him tremble these days.
21. She never took well to the heat, least of all the dry heat.
22. The constant slap of wind wore the stones down overtime.
23. The invitation had a handwritten note on the bottom: Weather permitting.
24. I didn't trust a forecast from any machine, I had better accuracy looking out the window.
25. He took a malicious delight in sending her out into the thunderstorm.
26. Hail came down on the house like a thousand fists.
27. I didn't understand 'torrential rain' until that day.
28. The flooding took her car and her only hope for the future.



29. Storm-wrought destruction brought the entire country to its knees.
30. He'd learned to predict the rain from the snails.
31. The first clear sunrise in days was a joyous occasion.
32. Wind rattled at the windows and doors.
33. I relished the idea of creating my own storm.
34. Tempers climbed just as high as the temperatures did.
35. She'd gotten used to thinking of the mist as a haven.
36. The rats knew when to leave a sinking ship, and left before the first rains came down.
37. Even if they'd spoken the thunder drowned all noises.
38. Wind blasted sand into his face and left particles on his tongue.
39. The screaming gale had nothing on her fury.
40. Every year the snow fell a little deeper.
41. Every step squished through the soupy mud created in last night's rain.
42. Poppa taught us boys about the clouds but said our sister didn't need his teaching.
43. It was old-fashioned, having to find shelter from a storm.
44. The sun made the dry land into oven-baked stone.
45. Racing raindrops on the window had been her only entertainment for days.
46. Her mood became as heavy and listless as the humid air outside.
47. The tricky thing about dry heat was how unnoticeable it was.
48. The only warning she had was the tornado sirens' scream.
49. There used to be a story about an ice queen who made the snow.
50. Sheets of rain pelted his makeshift shelter.
51. I kept looking for rainbows after the storm but only found more clouds.
52. It was us and one bedraggled cat after the rain let up.
53. The thermometer stopped working after 130.
54. Wind rocked the powerlines back and forth.
55. Debris floated in the dirtied waters.



Dialogue Prompts

Write the rest of the conversation.

Bonus: How many of these can you use in the same conversation?

1. “They don’t need to name a hurricane after you, you destroy everything on your own.”
2. “Weather’s more temperamental than I am.”
3. “You may as well get mad about the wind blowing, then.”
4. “She’s a little less ‘sunshine’ and more ‘tropical storm’.”
5. “One of us dying in a snowstorm is bad enough, thank you.”
6. “I don’t need you telling me about the weather.”
7. “Sometimes you talk about the rain like it’s a good thing.”
8. “I can’t remember the last time I lived through a tornado.”
9. “We’re not supposed to get hurricanes this far inland.”
10. “Does rain falling backwards count as weird enough for you?”
11. “Don’t try challenging the sky, it has more power than you’ll ever comprehend.”
12. “Little confused on what direction the wind’s blowing.”
13. “A nice little tempest outside.”
14. “You do understand how thunder and lightning work, don’t you?”
15. “You should never tell the weather what it’s going to do.”
16. “I’ll believe you when it starts hailing diamonds.”
17. “Mist looks so pretty from a distance.”
18. “A severe thunderstorm warning has been issued for your area.”
19. “Getting struck by lightning is God’s way of saying to tone it down.”
20. “I hope that’s not the wind I’m hearing.”
21. “You thought you could outrun the storm, that’s the problem.”
22. “You’re letting out enough hot air to create your own desert.”
23. “There’s beauty in the clouds, and a danger too.”
24. “I’ve spent more time in the rain today than you’ve spent in the bath all month.”
25. “Ma’am I’m not stupid enough to try swimming in this weather.”
26. “It’d be absolutely understandable if the mayor was taken out in a flash flood.”



27. "Can you imagine being silly enough to believe in hurricanes?"
28. "By this afternoon it'll be hot, wet and gross all around."
29. "We had snow two days ago and now it's almost eighty out."
30. "We're not in Kansas but the breeze doesn't know that."
31. "He's feisty enough even lightning would think twice about hitting him."
32. "I don't think you can call it 'fair' weather just because it stopped raining."
33. "You're not a weatherman, you don't get to decide what today's temperature will be."
34. "Could someone turn the sun down a little? This heat is killing me."
35. "My petunias are wilted, my lilies are drowned, how am I supposed to garden in this climate?"
36. "Fourteen lightning strikes created fourteen different fires this year."
37. "This isn't a drought, this is the heat death of the universe."
38. "We heard you the first time, Mother Nature, we're going inside."
39. "The biggest benefit to living underground is the weather stays the same."
40. "If you go out in this weather you're going to be one of those idiots you always have to rescue from themselves."



Word Lists

Write about the connection between these three words.

Bonus: use these with any of the above prompts.

1. Raindrops, icy, unexpected
2. Breeze, clean, frequent
3. Derecho, bewildered, curve
4. Anticyclone, probable, condition
5. Squall, seashore, huge
6. Zephyr, harsh, wall
7. Seasonal, flag, half
8. Muddy, curtain, scene
9. Temperate, rat, face
10. Cloudy, face, replace
11. Fujita Scale, damaged, machine
12. Thunder, thick, anxious
13. Drizzle, page, creepy
14. Nimbus, window, fade
15. Isobar, acoustic, five
16. Rainout, friction, stingy
17. Torrential, offer, thrill
18. Undercloud, gross, report
19. Snowflakes, second-hand, passenger
20. Misty, humor, song
21. Damp, experience, love
22. Gale, administer, lunchroom
23. Petrichor, north, floor
24. Lightning, expand, stranger
25. Sleet, cynical, nimble
26. Barometer, resolute, crushing
27. Droplet, gold, streak
28. Coriolis, clip, ill-fated
29. Water, right, excellent
30. Puddle, careless, spotted
31. Dripping, access, trace
32. Gusting, quiet, dramatic
33. Niveous, unknown,
34. Ripples, pond, skating
35. Nor'easter, uncommon, daily
36. Drench, squish, hospitality
37. Icicles, wretched, block
38. Drought, sunken, forlorn
39. Forecast, overheard, concern
40. Typhoon, landing, wreckage
41. Overcast, oppression, overtures
42. Stormy, hunted, decline
43. Downpour, fast, aimless
44. Windy, named, vanity
45. Monsoon, growth, opposite
46. Mistral, culture, travel
47. Humidity, depth, suit
48. Tempest, create, blank
49. Blustery, dirt, pages
50. Cyclone, yell, flowery
51. Tornado, versed, boiling
52. Baroclinity, hair, doubt
53. Hail, coast, waiting
54. Balmy, dance, breathe
55. Cloudburst, excited, crossing



56.Lake-Effect, matter, twist
57.Inundation, design, capable
58.Haboob, squeak, unnatural
59.Showers, whimsical, reflect
60.Sandstorm, condition, weary
61.Blizzard, building, want
62.Flurries, park, faithful
63.Shear, basin, wry
64.Precipitation, daffy, month
65.Whiteout, mittens, directional
66.Geostrophic, touching, drag
67.Cirrus, heavenly, wisp
68.Easterlies, bustling, pump
69.Dew point, grey, shrug
70.Graupel, kindhearted, fork
71.Heatwave, general, veil
72.Hazy, announcing, blue
73.Anemometer, governor, roomy
74.Cumulonimbus, ugly, science
75.Doppler, strategic, girl
76.Polar Vortex, needless, sleepy
77.Meteorology, promise, tense
78.Thermal, air, feather

79.Updraft, minute, hateful
80.Weatherworn, obvious, family
81.Weatherize, old, remainig
82.Intracloud, bright, spark
83.Brumal, harsh, landscape
84.Stratus, treatment, curved
85.Inclement, sounding, report
86.Front, newest, pressing
87.Ambient, history, post
88.Advisory, race, longing
89.Convergence, pinpoint, locate
90.Dust Devil, group, effort
91.Weather Vane, squeal, roofing
92.Atmospheric, joyous, window
93.Stormtossed, sandy, beached
94.Windstorm, unplanned, labor
95.Seasonal, welcome, blurred
96.Bora, bury, blind
97.Maelstrom, attending, observed
98.Virga, soft, rays
99.Wind Chill, biting, through
100.Drifts, lazy, rely

