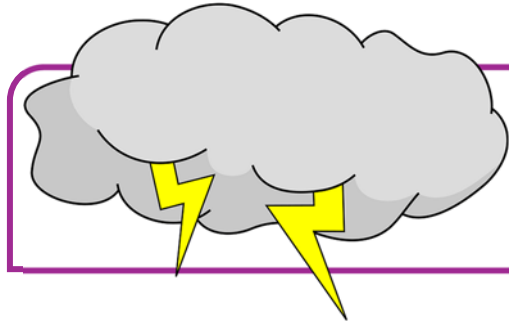


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Storm Science

Directions: Read the passage. Use context clues to figure out the meaning of each bold word.

Before the storm arrived, dark clouds began to gather and the air felt heavy. As the rain started, the wind became more intense and pushed the trees back and forth with great **force**. Soon, lightning flashed across the sky and was followed by loud **thunder**. After the storm passed, the ground felt soft and soaked because much of the rain had **absorbed** into the soil. The weather station later reported that the storm was a powerful **atmospheric** event.

1. What does the word **force** most nearly mean as used in the passage?

2. What is **thunder** based on the clues around it?

3. What does **absorbed** most likely mean in this passage?

4. What does **atmospheric** describe in the final sentence?

5. Which word in the passage helps you understand the meaning of **absorbed** the best? Explain why.
