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Storm Showdown: Compare & Contrast Answer Key

Storm Comparison Chart *(Example Answers)*

Feature	Hurricane	Tornado	Thunderstorm
Formation Location	Over warm ocean water	Over land (often from severe thunderstorms)	Over land or water
Typical Size	300–500 miles wide	100 yards to 1 mile wide	10–15 miles wide
Wind Speed Range	74–157+ mph	65–200+ mph	0–100+ mph
Main Hazards	Storm surge, flooding, high winds	Extreme winds, debris damage	Lightning, heavy rain, hail
Duration	Days to over a week	Minutes to hours	Minutes to hours
Season/Time of Year	Late summer/early fall	Spring to early summer	Any season, most common in spring/summer
Warning Time	Hours to days	Minutes to hours	Minutes to hours
Interesting Fact	Has an “eye” with calm weather	Most violent storms on Earth	Most common severe weather event