

Thunderstorms

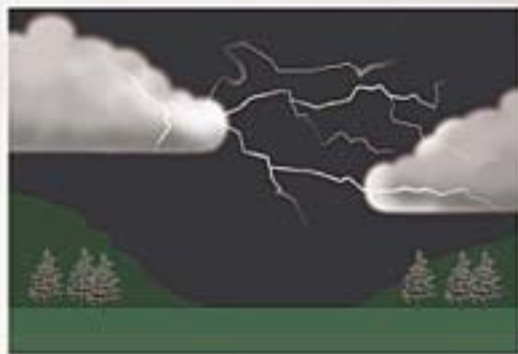
Thunder, lightning, and heavy rain happen during thunderstorms.

Thunderclouds build up when it is hot outdoors and water droplets rise very high into the air. The water droplets freeze and become tiny bits of ice which bump into each other. This causes **lightning**, which is a flash of electricity.

If there is lightning, you will usually hear thunder. This is a loud rumble or boom in the sky that happens after the lightning strikes.



Sometimes lightning comes out of the cloud and down to the Earth.



At other times, lightning moves between two clouds.