

National Geographic Kids Readers: Weather

Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before you share this book, talk about what the weather has been like recently, and any extreme weather you have experienced together, e.g. the hottest day; the heaviest rain.
- Look at the front cover and talk about what a tornado is and what happens in a tornado.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read:
 - Read the book together, enjoying learning about different sorts of weather and wild weather.
 - Try to imagine what it is like to be in each weather, or relate each type to your experiences.
 - Help your child with any unfamiliar words. Encourage them to use phonics and existing word knowledge to try to work the word out. Even if they can't sound out the whole word, they may be able to sound out part of it, and this may help them read the word.
 - Encourage them to look carefully at the pictures and labels and to talk about what they can see.
 - Have fun reading the jokes and completing the quiz together.
 - Give them lots of praise and encouragement!
- Discuss which wild weather is the most exciting and why. Help them to explain their reasons, re-reading for key facts that support their ideas.
- Challenge your child to remember the names of the different types of clouds and what weather they bring.

Pronunciation guide: cumulus (cyoo-myuh-lus), cirrus (si-rus)