

## Decodable Texts: All Digraphs

"This nonfiction text is about tornadoes and the path they take. Watch for digraphs at the beginning and end of words as you learn!"



### The Path of a Tornado

A tornado spins and shifts fast.

The wind may whack a shack or snap a branch.

Each path is thick with dust.

It may dash past a ditch or a shed.

A tornado can shock a town.

Then it is still.

What a path it can leave!

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

path

whack

thick

shack

shock



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Path of a Tornado

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1. What can a tornado do?

- A. spin slowly
- B. splash in a pond
- C. shock a town
- D. fly like a plane

2. What is in a tornado's path?

- A. snow
- B. light
- C. dust and wind
- D. pets and snacks

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3. Fill in the blank:

Each path is \_\_\_\_\_ with dust.

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4. What kinds of places might be hurt by a tornado?

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5. What do you think people should do if one comes near?

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** All Digraphs – sh, th, ch, wh, ck

**Genre:** Informational Nonfiction

**High-Frequency Words:** each, it, may, with, then, what

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## Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: This nonfiction text uses digraphs at both the start and end of words.
  2. Have you ever seen pictures or videos of a tornado?
  3. What do you think a tornado might leave behind?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Stretch through tricky blends like *shack*, *whack*, or *shock*—help the child hear both the vowel and digraph.
  2. Watch for digraphs at the beginning and end of action words.
  3. What kinds of things does a tornado pass?
  4. Read the word *shock* with strong expression—it shows the power of the storm.
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## After Reading

1. List some places and things a tornado might pass.
  2. Why does the story end with the tornado becoming still?
  3. What does this story help you understand about weather?
  4. Highlight 5 digraph words that describe tornado action or effects.
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read again with strong energy for the tornado action, then softer voice for the ending.
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## Activity Idea

Draw a tornado's path through a field. Include details like dust, a ditch, and a shed. Label with digraph words like *path*, *whack*, *thick*, *dash*, and *shock*. Write a sentence about what the town looked like after.

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## Coaching Tip

Connect nonfiction to real-world safety—ask your child what they'd do if they saw a storm coming. Link reading to awareness.

