



## Homeschool Learning Network Weather Glossary Answer Key

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<b>Flood Plain</b>	Flat area of land covered by flood waters.
<b>Anemometer</b>	An instrument that measures wind speed or force.
<b>Shear</b>	Rate of change over a short period of time.
<b>Cirriform</b>	Clouds made of mostly ice crystals.
<b>Ball Lightning</b>	A rare form of lightning made up of a bright, often reddish ball that moves quickly among solid objects or floats in air.
<b>Downdraft</b>	Sudden drop of cold or cool air to the ground, usually occurring with precipitation, such as rain or thunderstorm.
<b>Whirlwind</b>	A small column of wind that rotates rapidly.
<b>Virga</b>	Streaks or drops of water or ice falling from clouds that evaporate before they reach the ground.
<b>Katabatic Wind</b>	Wind created by air flowing downhill.
<b>Gully Washer</b>	A sudden rain shower that can cause a flash flood.
<b>Occluded Front</b>	A front that forms when a cold air mass takes over a warm air mass.
<b>Microburst</b>	A severe wind that blasts down from a thunderstorm.
<b>Psychrometer</b>	An instrument that measures water vapor content in the atmosphere.
<b>Thermograph</b>	A thermometer that constantly records temperatures.
<b>Isotherm</b>	Line of equal or unchanging air temperature.