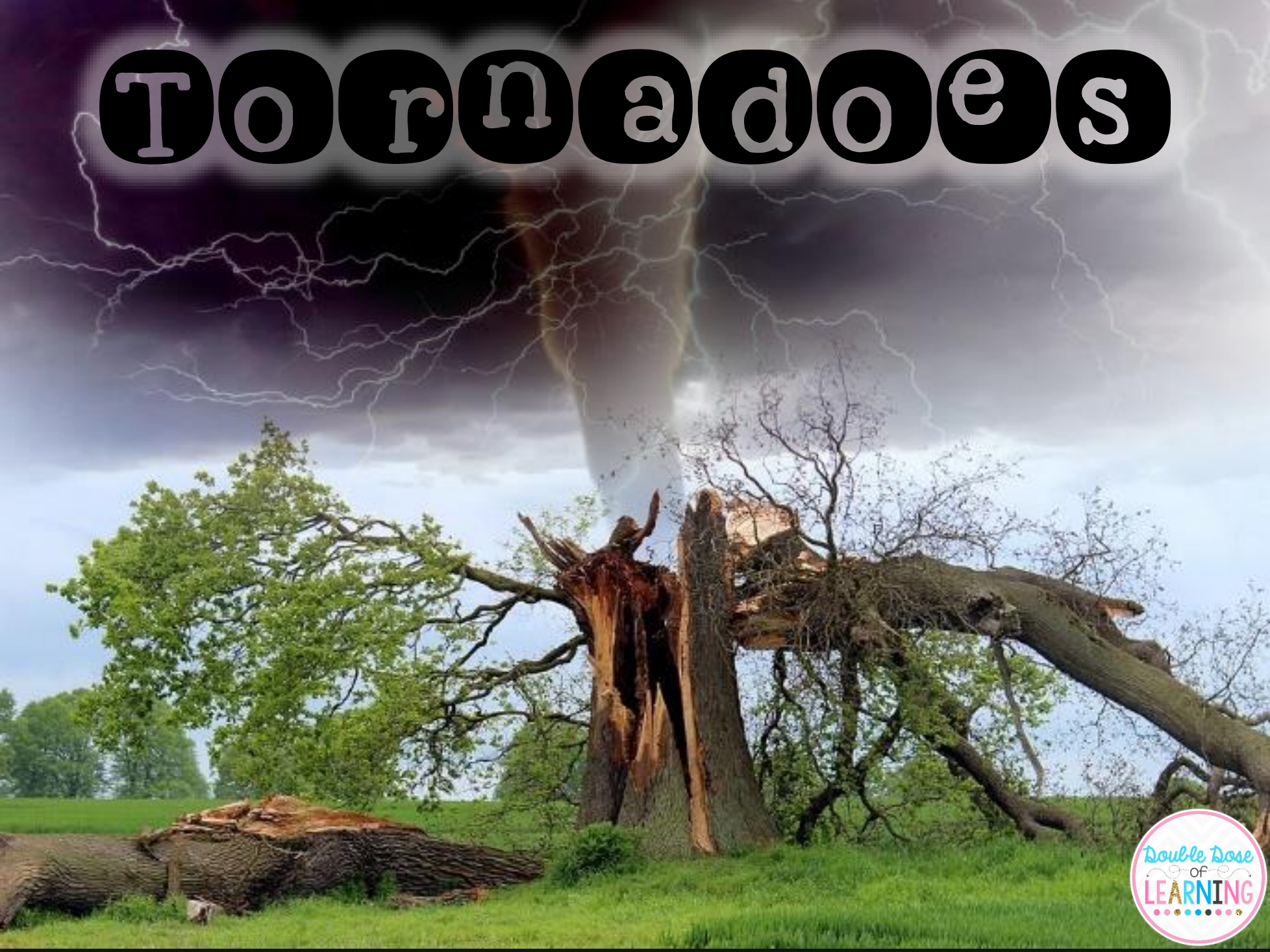


# Tornadoes





A tornado is a violent **column** of twisting air. It drops down from a **cumulonimbus cloud**, a cloud that produces severe weather. Tornadoes are the most destructive type of extreme weather.





# Causes

Tornadoes are formed during intense thunderstorms. In order for a tornado to form there has to be warm, humid air and cold air that collide.



# Characteristics



- Violent **column** of twisting air
- Extremely destructive winds
- In contact with a cloud and the ground.
- Only last a few minutes.

# *Destruction*

The violent winds of a tornado are very dangerous! They destroy homes, buildings and trees. They travel very fast and destroy everything that comes into their path.





# Destruction

Tornadoes cost people and cities a lot of money in damages. It can take years to repair everything that a tornado destroys.



# Interesting Facts

- Tornadoes are sometimes called “Twisters”.
- The Fujita scale is used to measure the strength of a tornado.
- There are over 1,000 tornadoes each year in the United States.
- Tornadoes have been observed on every continent except for Antarctica.

