

MATH: Primary

Weather You Can Count On

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Crackle! Boom! A thunderstorm!

How close is it, I wonder?

I count the seconds in between
the lightning flash and thunder.

One Mississippi, Two Mississippi,

Three Mississippi-- I smile.

To calculate how close it is,

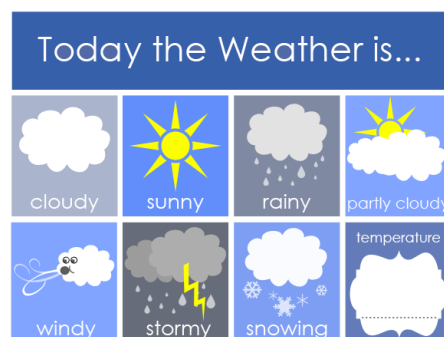
I count five seconds per mile.

Four Mississippi, Five Mississippi;

I could count this way all day.

Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten Mississippi--Boom!

The storm's two miles away!



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