

## Big Noise

You can not see thun·der, but you can hear it. It has the sound of an ex·plo·sion, like a shot from a gun. Many people are a·fraid of thun·der. But thun·der can not hurt you. It is on·ly air ru·shing a·way from the heat of light·ning that makes the noise.

Thun·der has dif·fer·ent sounds.  
Some·timeS, it roars. Some·timeS, it claps.  
Some·timeS, it cra·sheS.

Thun·der and light·ning al·wayS go to·ge·ther. It is the light·ning that cau·seS thun·der. But light moveS fas·ter than sound, so you see light·ning be·fore you hear thun·der.

Next time you see light·ning, start to count slo·wly. If you count to five be·fore you hear the thun·der, you know the light·ning waS o·ver one mile (one and a half kil·o·me·terS) a·way.