# Stories From the Skies: Glossary

**Astronaut**: person who can pilot a spacecraft.

**Depression**: drastic decline in national economy with symptoms like high unemployment, falling prices and decreased business action.

**Pilot:** A person who operates the flying controls of an aircraft

**Rain:** Water falling in drops condensed from vapor in the atmosphere

**Satellite**: manmade object intended to orbit the earth or other celestial body.

**Sleet:** Frozen or partly frozen rain

**Snow:** Precipitation in the form of small white ice

Crystals

**Tornado**: violent funnel-shaped thunderstorm with rotating high-speed air, reaching speeds of hundreds of miles per hour.

**Weather**: description and measurement of atmospheric conditions—temperature, air pressure, humidity, wind speeds, etc.

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