

# Storm factfile



About 44,000 thunderstorms occur on earth each day

The chance of being hit by lightning in the UK is 1 in 14 million which is about the same chance of winning the lottery!

There are over 100 lightning discharges to earth every second

2000 thunderstorms can be in progress on earth at any one second

The number of people killed in the UK each year by lightning is usually about 4

The most thundery part of the UK is the East Midlands where there are approximately 20 storms per year

The least thundery parts of the UK are northern Scotland, south-east Ireland and western Wales where the average number of storms per year is only 4!

There is fossil evidence lightning happened over 250 million years ago!

The most thundery places in the world are Indonesia, Central Africa and north-west South America, where thunder often takes place more than 200 times per year!

