**Referring to a Thesaurus**

Use a print or online thesaurus to replace each underlined word or phrase with a synonym that is a better fit for the sentence.

We heard thesoundof thunder for an hour before theweather started. The storm began with a gale thattooklimbs off trees and sent cats and dogsmoving for shelter. Next the lightningtwinkledacross the sky. Itlit upthe black clouds andmade loud noisesas it hit the earth nearby.

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