Ten deadly weather events that shook Britain
Video transcript: 1987 Britain's first sting jet

BBC News Review 15 October 2007 looks back to the great storm of 15 October 1987 and the moment BBC weatherman, Michael Fish, dismissed the notion that a storm was on its way.

Michael Fish 15 October 1987: Earlier on today apparently a woman rung the BBC and said she had heard there was a hurricane on the way. Well if you’re watching, don’t worry, there isn’t.

News 2007: The weatherman said it wasn’t a hurricane. Just winds too strong to measure, knocking down 15 million trees, doing £500 million worth of damage, cutting off electricity to half a million homes. A good job it wasn’t a hurricane!