ENGLISH

Chapter 10



SECONDARY



EXTREMES



HELICOMOTIVATION

Weather & Seasons

Practical English





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Vocabulary: seasons and weather; compound nouns: things to take on a trip

Grammar: comparative and superlative adjectives; modal verbs of obligation, permission and prohibition

Reading: a magazine article about extreme places to live

Listening: instructions for an adventure vacation in Yosemite

Speaking: making and responding to suggestions

Writing: instructions

Project: give weather advice to visitors to your country

WDYT? (What do you think?)

How does the weather affect the way we live?

Seasons and weather



 $\overset{\bullet}{\downarrow}$ Write the words in the box in the correct category.

cold cool fall hot rain snow spring summer sun warm winter

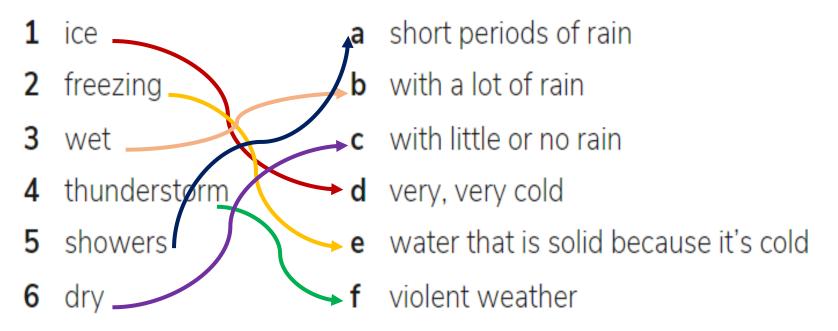
Four seasons: spring fall summer winter

Four adjectives to describe temperature: <u>hot cold cool</u> warm

Three words to talk about the weather: <u>rain</u> **SNOW SUN**

2 Work in pairs. Which is your favorite season? Why?

3 Sook at the weather map. Match words 1–6 with definitions a–f.



Complete the table. What letter do we often add to make adjectives?

Noun	Adjective
1 ice	icy
sun	² sunny
cloud	³ cloudy
4 wind	windy
fog	⁵ foggy
6 frost	frosty

- 5 How do you say the words in exercise 4 in your language?
- 6 10 24 Listen. What words can you use to describe the weather?



- 1. wet / rain 2. wind / windy
 - 3. thunderstorm
 - 4. snow / frost / freezing
 - 5. icy / ice , freezing

7 Circle the correct option.

In Phoenix, Arizona, it's never cold.
In the spring and fall it's warm and
1 sun/sunny, and in the summer it's
really hot! It hardly ever 2 rain/rains,
it's usually 3 wet/dry.

In New York, winters are cold and 4 ice/icy. Sometimes there is 5 frost/frosty at night in November and April. In the spring, it's often 6 cloud/cloudy Summers are hot with the occasional thunderstorm. Fall is cool and sometimes 7 fog/foggy.

8 Work in pairs and answer the questions.

- 1 What's the weather like where you live ...?
 - a in the spring
 - **b** in the summer
 - c in the fall
 - **d** in the winter
- What's the weather like in the north, south, east, west of your country?
- **3** What's the weather like today?

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- 1 Why is the video called 'Four seasons in a week'?
- What things do you need to be ready for the weather in the UK?

Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- What do you learn about in the video?
- What more would you like to know?
- Why is video a good way to learn about the weather?



Subskill: Understanding the main idea

The first time you read a text, read it quickly to get a general idea of what it is about.

- 3 Read the magazine article quickly. What is it about? Circle the correct option.
 - a Weather disasters around the world
 - **b** How the world's weather is changing
 - **c** Living in extreme weather conditions

OUR AMAZING WORLD

Today we're looking at extreme weather in two very different places.

Fact file MAWSYNRAM

Location: north-west India

Population: 237 families

Average rainfall: 11,871 mm

Let's start with Mawsynram in India. It isn't cold there, but it is wet. This is the wettest place in the world. The monsoon season is longer here than in any other place, and it rains every day!

The heaviest rain is at night, so people put **grass** on the walls and **roof** of their homes to stop the **noise**.

They stay at home most of the time in the rainy season. When they go out, they carry bamboo umbrellas over their heads.

They use the roots of living trees to make bridges across rivers. Students use these when they walk to school. The rain **destroys** regular bridges, but these living bridges can **last** for hundreds of years.



Fact file OYMYAKON

Location: north-east Russia

Population: 500

Lowest temperature: -71.2°C

In the winter, Oymyakon in Siberia is the coldest town in the world. The **average** temperature is -50°C, and it's dark for 21 hours of the day.

Life here isn't easy. People can only stay outside for a minute or two, and they can't make a phone call in the street because cell phones freeze!

Vegetables don't grow here, so people usually eat meat and drink reindeer milk. They hardly ever go shopping because the nearest city is two days away by car.

In other countries, students don't go to school when it snows, but in Oymyakon, snow and ice are normal. Here, schools only close when the temperature is lower than -52°C!

Life in Mawsynram and Oymyakon is more difficult than in other places, but the people of these two towns find ways to live with extreme weather every day.

25 Read and listen to the text. Answer the questions.



1

When does it rain every day in Mawsynram?

In the monsoon season.

What do people put over their heads when it rains?

They put bamboo umbrellas over their heads.

3

Why do they make bridges from trees?

Because the rain destroys normal bridges.

What happens to cell phones in Oymyakon?

They freeze.

5

What do people eat there? Why?

They eat meat because vegetables don't grow there.

6

When do schools close? When tempratures are lower than - 52 dregrees celsius.

5 Are the sentences true for Mawsynram, Oymyakon or both?

- People usually stay at home in extreme weather.
- 2 In some months of the year, it's difficult to sleep.
- 3 The days are very short here.
- 4 People use plants and trees to help them.
- **5** The town is a long way from a big city.
- 6 People learn to live with extreme weather.

Both

Mawsynram

Oymaykon

Mawsynram

Oymaykon

Both

7 Complete the sentences with the words in bold in the text.

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- 1 You can usually see birds on the of our house.
- 2 My average grade at school is 8.5.
- 3 What's that ______? Are you having a party?
- 4 Classes at my school ast
 45 minutes.
- 5 Amy's sitting on the **____grass**___ in the yard.
- 6 A tropical storm <u>destroys</u> houses and roads.

0 M W O R

Word work Match the definitions to the words in bold in the text.

- **1** a loud sound
- 2 breaks completely
- 3 a type of plant it grows in a yard or park
- 4 a typical amount of something
- 5 continue to exist
- 6 the top part of a building

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