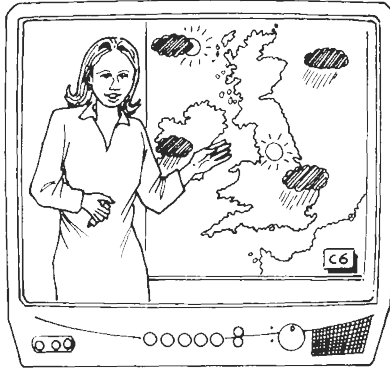


## A The weather forecast



It will **brighten up**<sup>1</sup> in the north of England tomorrow morning, but the sun won't last long and the region will soon **cloud over**<sup>2</sup> again. Rain in the east will **clear up**<sup>3</sup> later. An area of high pressure means it should **warm up**<sup>4</sup> over the next few days in most regions, except in the far north, where it will actually **cool down**<sup>5</sup> a little because of strong north-easterly winds. On the south coast winds will **pick up**<sup>6</sup> during the afternoon, becoming strong by the evening.

<sup>1</sup> the sky will become lighter and the sun will start to shine

<sup>2</sup> the sky will become covered with clouds

<sup>3</sup> it will stop being rainy or cloudy

<sup>4</sup> become warmer

<sup>5</sup> become cooler

<sup>6</sup> become stronger

## B Talking about the weather and its effects

Jim is talking about his camping trip to the Scottish mountains.

The weather was dreadful; we were there for a week and the storms just never **let up**<sup>1</sup>. We were **flooded out**<sup>2</sup> twice in our tent and ended up staying in a hostel. It just **poured down**<sup>3</sup> every day – one heavy downpour<sup>4</sup> after another. We were **rained off**<sup>5</sup> most days and couldn't do any serious walking. Then one day we thought the storms had **blown over**<sup>6</sup>, so we climbed one of the highest peaks in the area. It started to snow. Luckily there was a cabin at the summit, so we took shelter there. We were **snowed in**<sup>7</sup> for two days before we could get out and go back down again. I shall never forget it as long as I live!

<sup>1</sup> stopped or improved

<sup>2</sup> had to leave a home or place because of a flood

<sup>3</sup> rained heavily

<sup>4</sup> (noun) a very heavy period of rain (from the verb **pour down**)

<sup>5</sup> if an outside activity is rained off, it cannot start or continue because it is raining

<sup>6</sup> become less strong and then ended

<sup>7</sup> were unable to leave that place because there was so much snow



Help yourself to learn phrasal verbs by drawing word diagrams based on one verb, e.g. **pick**, **blow**, or on one topic, e.g. **weather**.

TIP



## Exercises

**61.1** Complete these sentences using one of the phrasal verbs from A. Write the verbs in an appropriate form.

- 1 There's a lovely blue sky now but unfortunately the forecast says that it's going ..... later in the day.
- 2 I hate it when it's so hot – I wish it would .....
- 3 Let's go and fly the kite – it'll be fun now the wind .....
- 4 The sea is quite cool in the mornings but by midday it has usually .....
- 5 Let's go for a walk this afternoon if the rain .....
- 6 We could have a picnic this afternoon if the weather .....

**61.2** Match the weather situation on the left with the most logical consequence on the right.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 We were snowed in.        | Some trees got blown down.            |
| 2 We were flooded out.      | The teams were very disappointed.     |
| 3 The rain didn't let up.   | All our carpets were ruined.          |
| 4 It cleared up later on.   | We couldn't even open the front door. |
| 5 A strong wind picked up.  | We ate our picnic in the car.         |
| 6 The match was rained off. | We went for a walk in the evening.    |

**61.3** Complete these sentences with a noun or phrasal verb from the opposite page.

- 1 It rained heavily all day. I've never seen such a .....
- 2 It's been pouring down all day. I wish it would .....
- 3 If the river breaks its banks the villagers will be .....
- 4 No-one left their homes until the hurricane .....
- 5 Because of the storms, a number of football matches .....
- 6 It's too gloomy to take good photos now. Why don't you wait until it ..... ?
- 7 It's very hot there in summer – even at night it doesn't .....
- 8 It's been terribly cold but they have promised that it will ..... next week.

**61.4** Some of the phrasal verbs on the opposite page can be used in a metaphorical way. Try to work out the metaphorical meanings and answer these questions.

- 1 If Joan is brightening up a bit, is her mood getting more or less cheerful?
- 2 Would you suggest that someone should cool down if they are angry or if they are sad?
- 3 If an argument or scandal blows over, does it start or finish?
- 4 If an illness clears up, does it get better or worse?
- 5 If a party warms up, does it get more or less enjoyable?
- 6 If someone's face clouds over, do they start to look worried or happy?

**FOLLOW  
UP**

Write a paragraph about the weather you have experienced recently. Use as many as possible of the words presented on the opposite page.