

Vocabulary			
NOUN	DESCRIPTION	EXTREME	OTHER WORDS
A cloud	It's cloudy		
The sun	It's Sunny	Clear blue sky	
Rain	It's raining	Heavy rain, torrential rain	It's Wet (Opposite =It's Dry)
Wind	It's windy	Strong wind, Gale, hurricane	It's still = No wind
Fog	It's foggy	Dense fog	It's clear =No fog
Snow	It's snowing	Heavy snow, deep snow	
Frost	Freezing		
A thunderstorm	Thunder, lightning, hailstones		
Temperature	Freezing cold, cold, cool, mild, warm, hot, boiling, hot		

8.2 Follow-up

Match the pairs of words to make descriptions related to the weather. Then compare your answers with the article in Reading 8.2.

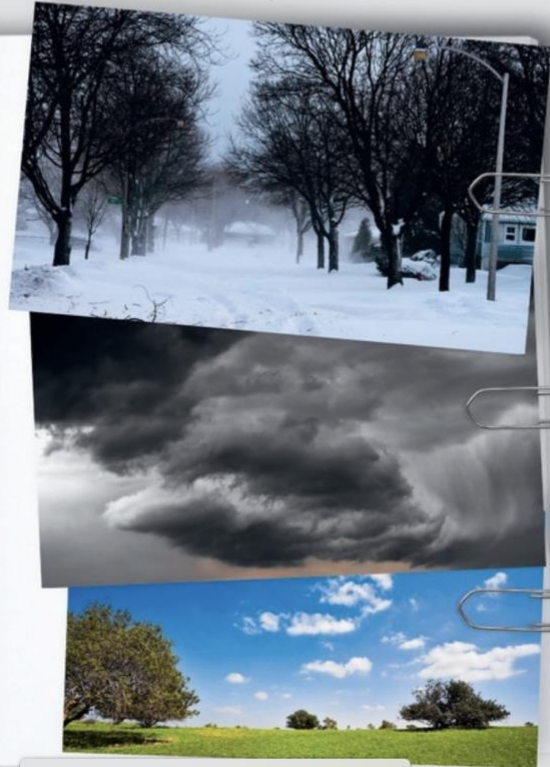
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| deep | 1 | A | wind |
| freezing | 2 | B | rain |
| torrential | 3 | C | hot |
| strong | 4 | D | snow |
| dense | 5 | E | blue sky |
| clear | 6 | F | cold |
| boiling | 7 | G | fog |

8.2 Reading



The text below is from a report about the world's climate, and how it is changing. This part of the report gives examples of how the weather affects our lives, to show how important climate is.

At this moment, somewhere in the world, deep snow is covering the ground in a freezing-cold ski resort, bringing smiles to the faces of tourists. On another mountain, far away, torrential rain has turned a small stream into a torrent, flooding a road. Downriver, a few hundred miles out in the ocean, the strong winds of a storm are breaking big waves over a ship. Far away, on the opposite coast, the same gale is blowing tiles off a house roof. Two thousand miles inland, a driver's eyes are staring into dense fog. On the other side of the world, another driver's eyes are blinking at flashes of lightning, and her ears are ringing from the sound of thunder, and hailstones hammering on the car. Not far from there, a farmer is working hard under a clear blue sky, boiling hot in the afternoon heat, which is also turning his crops dry and brown. A little further, someone else is sipping a cool drink, enjoying the warm sunshine.



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Practice Exercise 1

Match the pairs of sentences about the weather.

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| It's windy here. | 1 | A | It's dry now, but it looks like it might rain. |
| It's raining here. | 2 | B | There's ice everywhere. |
| It's cloudy here. | 3 | C | The sky's clear. |
| It's foggy here. | 4 | D | It's really blowing. |
| It's freezing here. | 5 | E | Lightning struck quite close to the house. |
| It's sunny here. | 6 | F | It's been wet all day. |
| It's mild here. | 7 | G | From here, you can't see the end of the street. |
| We've had thunderstorms here. | 8 | H | For a winter's day, it's surprisingly warm. |

Practice Exercise 2

Part A Use the words below to complete the article.

cold cool floods freezing froze ice rain snow temperature warm

Can the past help us to predict the future of climate change?

In recent years, torrential **1** has caused **2** in Australia, there have been **3** cold conditions in India, heavy **4** has blocked highways and airports in Europe, and record numbers of tornados have blown down buildings and caused havoc in the United States. After such extreme and unusual weather, it's not surprising that many people believe that the climate is changing. However, scientists are not completely sure if these changes are due to human activity or because of other reasons. After all, climate change is nothing new. In the past, the **5** of the atmosphere has increased and decreased continually.



An interesting example of this is a period called the Little Ice Age, which lasted from the middle of the 16th century to the middle of the 19th century. During this time, in many parts of the world winters were very **6** compared with the centuries before. Some of Europe's largest rivers **7** completely. In 1780, New York Harbor was covered with **8**, and it was possible to walk from Staten Island to Manhattan.

However, even during the Little Ice Age there was climate change. In the second half of the 17th century, the climate started to **9** up for a time – but then began to **10** down again. This up-and-down change happened once more toward the end of the 18th century. Then, after another chilly period in the middle of the 19th century, the Little Ice Age ended.

Part B Use one word to complete each of these sentences.

- 1** In the past, there have been floods in Australia after large amounts of .
- 2** A tornado is a kind of strong .
- 3** In 1780, the water in New York Harbor .
- 4** The Little Ice Age was a period of lower .
- 5** The Little Ice Age began over 450 years .
- 6** After the Little Ice Age, the climate became .

ANSWERS

Follow up 8.2

1. D
2. F
3. B
4. A
5. G
6. E
7. C

Practice Exercise 1

1. D
2. F
3. A
4. G
5. B
6. C
7. H
8. E

Practice Exercise 2

Part A

1. rain
2. floods
3. freezing
4. snow
5. temperature
6. cold
7. frozen
8. ice
9. warm
10. cool

Part B

1. rain
2. wind
3. froze
4. temperatures
5. ago
6. warmer