

# Everyday Dialogues: Heat Wave [B1]

Troppo caldo? Umido? Nuvoloso o piovoso? Il tempo è un argomento che occupa sempre diverse conversazioni: ecco tutto quello che c'è da sapere sul vocabolario meteorologico.



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Robert: God, it's **baking** out there! Claudia: I know! The **weatherman** got it **wrong again**. He predicted a cold front **coming in**. Robert: **Same old, same old**. Oof, it's **sweltering** in here, too. Don't tell me the **air-con's** **\*\*down \*\***again? Claudia: **I'm afraid so!** We'll have to **\*\*make do \*\***with the **fan**. Robert: That **blows all my papers of** my desk. It gives me a **sore throat**, too. Claudia: Yep! A **sore throat** in the middle of a **heat wave**. Robert: I guess we mustn't **grumble**. It's always too hot or too rainy or too cold or too **blustery**... Claudia: Yes, you're right. The **upside** is that it's Friday. It'll be perfect beach weather! Robert: I **bet** it rains, **though**. It always **takes a turn for** the worse at the weekend. Claudia: Now where's that optimism? Robert: Hey, I'm British! I'm supposed **to complain** about the weather!

## NOW LET'S REVIEW THE VOCABULARY!

Baking and sweltering are synonyms for 'very hot'. You can also say '[scorching](#)' or '[boiling](#)'. When you are [mistaken](#), you get it wrong; conversely, when you guess correctly, you 'get it right'. \*\*Same old, same old\*\* is an expression to indicate that the same thing always happens in a particular situation. In this context, **down** means it is not working. To \*\*make do\*\* with something means to tolerate it. A \*\*heat wave is a period of unusually hot weather. To grumble\*\* is a synonym of '[to complain](#)'. **Blustery** is another word for 'windy'. Other options include '[gusty](#)' or '[breezy](#)'. **Upside** means the positive aspect of a situation which is generally bad. The opposite is '[downside](#)'. When something **takes a turn** for the worse, it suddenly becomes bad.

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# Glossary

- **scorching** = torrido
- **boiling** = bollire
- **downside** = aspetto negativo
- **I'm afraid so** = temo di sì
- **blows all my papers of** = far volare
- **fan** = ventilatore
- **air-con's** = aria condizionata
- **bet** = scommettere
- **though** = tuttavia
- **weatherman** = meteorologo
- **coming in** = entrare
- **mistaken** = sbagliarsi
- **gusty** = ventoso a raffiche
- **breezy** = ventilato, fresco
- **sore throat** = mal di gola
- **to complain** = lamentarsi