



Scorching Heat

Conversation > Advanced 7



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

blizzard	A snowstorm with very strong winds.
[noun]	<i>Ex: You shouldn't go out while the blizzard hasn't ended yet.</i>

breeze	A light wind.
[noun]	<i>Ex: There is a cool breeze in the air today.</i>

scorching	Extremely hot.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: I don't feel like going out today. It's scorching hot!</i>

shower	A short period of rain or snow.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I was caught in a shower on the way home.</i>

muggy	Warm and extremely humid weather.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: After all this rain, the night will be very muggy.</i>



smog	A form of air pollution that is or looks like a mixture of smoke and fog, especially in big cities.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Central Beijing was under a thick layer of smog on Friday.</i>

alas	Regrettably, unfortunately, bad luck.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: But alas, I couldn't keep the puppy for as long as I wanted to.</i>

squall	A sudden strong and violent wind, often accompanied by rain or snow.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Never slam on your brakes during a snow squall.</i>

whirlwind	A very fast and strong wind that moves in a spinning direction and can cause a lot of damage.
[noun]	<i>Ex: A strong whirlwind hit Bali yesterday, causing severe damage to property.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Howard: Summer really came quickly this year, James. The sun is scorching today!

James: Yes, It seems like only a week or two ago that we were having squalls and blizzards all the time.

Howard: The humidity is terrible also. It's so muggy I can hardly breathe, especially up in your attic.

James: It's hard to tell the humidity from the smog sometimes. We really need a nice breeze to cool us off.

Howard: Definitely! But alas, the weather never does what you want it to do!

James: Knowing our luck we'll get a whirlwind instead. We only just fixed the shutters on my attic windows.



Howard: True, the last thing we need is the wind blowing them off their hinges again.

James: If that's the worst thing a whirlwind does to the house, I'll consider myself lucky.

Howard: If the whirlwind hits your house and not mine, I'll consider myself lucky.

James: You're a joker now! A nice shower would feel great on a hot day like today.

Howard: True! Do you have any lemonade, James?

James: I think so. Let's go and check the fridge.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

squalls
breeze
blizzard
scorching
showers
Alas
muggy
Smog
whirlwind

1. _____! What are we to do now?
2. _____ is a major problem in Belgrade.
3. There are supposed to be _____ off and on all day.
4. It was a _____ summer day!
5. It's so nice to feel a gentle _____ on my cheek.
6. We once got stuck in a _____ for six hours.
7. A strong _____ hit my town last night, it was terrible!
8. It had been raining for three weeks, and it was hot and _____.
9. Violent _____ signaled the approach of the hurricane.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You just met your friend Robert, talk about the changing weather with him. The teacher can be Robert.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Does it snow in your country? How often and how heavy?
2. What kind of weather do you like? Why?
3. When was the last time you got soaked in the rain? Describe the situation.
4. How do you cope with high humidity?
5. Have you ever had a sunburn? If so, how did you deal with it?