

Weather and Climate

Anemometer: A device that measures wind speed

Vane:



Oktas: A measure of cloud cover (in fractions of eight) on a synoptic chart

Sea breeze: wind that blows from sea to land

Hurricane: A very large, swirling storm with very low pressure at the centre

Thunderstorm: storm in which there is thunder and lightning and a lot of heavy rain.

Thunderclap: short loud noise that you hear in the sky just after you see a flash of lightning.

Windy:
(Adjective)



Temperature:

Chilly: adjective for a cold weather

Mild weather: neither too cold nor too hot weather

Heatwave: period of time during which the weather is much hotter than usual.

Precipitations:

Shower:

a short period of rain or snow

Sleet: wet, partly melted falling snow

Drizzle: rain in very small, light drops

Snowflake: white bits of frozen water that fall as snow

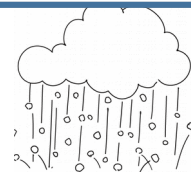
Smog: a mixture of fog, smoke, gases, and chemicals

Fog: air saturated of steam with visibility below one kilometre

Mist: air saturated of steam with visibility between 1 and 2 kilometres.

Cold spell: a period of colder than the average weather

Hail:



Overcast: adjective used when the sky is completely covered with cloud

Frost: a white deposit of ice particles

Drought: long period when there is no rain

Flurry: a light gust of wind, rain or fall of snow

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Damp: adjective which means slightly wet

Slush: snow that is lying on the ground and has started to melt

Weather forecast:



Expressions:

It's raining cats and dogs: something that you say when it is raining heavily

Lovely weather for ducks: humorous phrase for very wet, rainy weather

To be soaked to the skin : être trempé(e) jusqu'aux os