





Weather

1 What's the weather like?

a Put the words or phrases in the right place in the chart.

below zero breeze chilly cool damp drizzling
freezing gale-force mild pouring (with rain)
scorching showers warm

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| 1 It's _____. (quite cold, not cold or hot) | 5 It's _____. (pleasant and not cold) | 8 It's _____. (a bit wet but not raining) | 12 There's a _____. (a light wind) |
| 2 It's _____. (unpleasantly cold) | 6 It's _____. (a pleasantly high temperature) | 9 It's _____. (raining lightly) | |
| It's cold.  | It's hot.  | It's raining / wet.  | It's windy.  |
| 3 It's _____. 4 The temperature is _____. (-10°) | 7 It's _____ / boiling. (unpleasantly hot) | 11 It's _____. (raining a lot) | 13 There are _____ (very strong) winds. |

b Complete the text with *fog*, *mist*, and *smog*.

When the weather is foggy or misty, or there is smog, it is difficult to see.
_____ is not usually very thick, and often occurs in the mountains or near the sea.
_____ is thicker, and can be found in towns and in the country.
_____ is caused by pollution and usually occurs in big cities.

2 Extreme weather

Match the words and definitions.

blizzard drought /draʊt/ flood /flʌd/
hailstorm heatwave hurricane
lightning monsoon thunder tornado

- _____ (n) a period of unusually hot weather
- _____ (n) a long, usually hot, dry period when there is little or no rain
- _____ (n) a storm with small balls of ice that fall like rain
- _____ (n) a flash of very bright light in the sky caused by electricity
- _____ (n and v) the loud noise that you hear during a storm
- _____ (n) a snowstorm with very strong winds
- _____ (v and n) when everything becomes filled and covered with water
- _____ (n) a violent storm with very strong winds especially in the western Atlantic Ocean
- _____ (n) a violent storm with very strong winds which move in a circle
- _____ (n) the season when it rains a lot in southern Asia

3 Adjectives to describe weather

Complete the weather forecast with these adjectives.

bright changeable clear heavy icy settled strong sunny thick

In the north of England and Scotland it will be very cold, with ¹ _____ winds and ² _____ rain. There will also be ³ _____ fog in the hills and near the coast, though it should clear by midday. Driving will be dangerous as the roads will be ⁴ _____. However, the south of England and the Midlands will have ⁵ _____ skies and ⁶ _____ sunshine, though the temperature will still be quite low. Over the next few days the weather will be ⁷ _____, with some showers but occasional ⁸ _____ periods. It should become more ⁹ _____ over the weekend.

4 Adjectives and verbs connected with weather

Match the sentences. Can you guess the meaning of the words in **bold**?

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| 1 Be careful! The pavement's very slippery . | A Come and sit in the shade. |
| 2 You're shivering . | B It will all be gone by tonight. |
| 3 I'm sweating /'swetɪŋ/. | C You might fall over. |
| 4 I got soaked this morning. | D It's hot and damp and there's no air. |
| 5 It's very humid /'hju:mɪd/ today. | E Can we turn the air conditioning on? |
| 6 The snow is starting to melt . | F Do you want to borrow my jacket? |
| 7 Don't get sunburnt ! | G It poured with rain and I didn't have an umbrella. |

Can you remember the words on this page? Test yourself or a partner.

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