

# WEATHER

Complete this table.

Noun	Adjective	Noun	Adjective
sun		wind	
cloud		fog	
ice			hot
shower			humid

Put the words in the first column in order from the hottest (1) to the coldest (6). Put the words in the second column in order from the most gentle (1) to the strongest (4).

- Column 1
- hot
  - not very warm
  - freezing
  - chilly
  - boiling
  - warm
- Column 2
- a wind
  - a gale
  - a breeze
  - a hurricane

Complete the sentences.

- The weather forecast said there could be some ..... rain this afternoon, so you will need your coat and your umbrella.
- In the summer it's very calm, but in the winter you can get a very ..... wind coming off the sea.
- I was woken up in the night by some incredible thunder and ..... , and I think it may have hit a tree nearby.
- You can't go out in this weather - it's ..... with rain.
- One of the weather forecasters said we would have a ..... of hot weather.
- The wind ..... all the leaves off the trees yesterday.

Complete the sentences.

- It was so ..... that I could only see about 50 metres in front of me.
- The car didn't stop when I put on the brakes, because the road was so .....
- They wanted to know the ..... so I had to go and find my thermometer.
- They don't think it's going to rain all day, but we may get a couple of ..... this afternoon, so take an umbrella.
- ..... are winds which often reach over 100 km per hour and can destroy trees and buildings quite easily.
- It's getting very humid, and the wind is also starting to increase, so I think we could get a ..... quite soon.
- We write  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ , but we say ..... ten degrees centigrade, or ten degrees below .....
- It's not so bad in very hot weather if you can feel a gentle ..... on your face. You often get this near the sea.
- It's really hot and unpleasant today - you know, there's 90% .....
- There was a lot of sun this morning, but this afternoon it got quite ..... and was much cooler.

True or false? If a sentence is false, write a true sentence about the weather conditions in the sentence.

- It often pours with rain in the desert.
- It gets quite chilly in the desert in the evening.
- Thunder makes a noise.
- Lightning can kill people.
- A shower is a gentle breeze.
- A spell of hot weather may end in a thunderstorm.
- If it is humid, the air will be very dry.
- Below zero, water turns to ice.
- Heavy rain means that it is pouring with rain.
- When it's foggy you need sunglasses.

Match the news reports on the right to the natural disasters they are describing.

- hurricane
- flood
- tornado
- landslide
- drought
- avalanche

Write similar descriptions of the following natural disasters and read them out to your classmates (earthquake, erupting volcano, tidal wave / tsunami, famine, epidemic).

Which of these natural disasters are possible threats in your country? Tell a partner about a natural disaster that once struck your country.

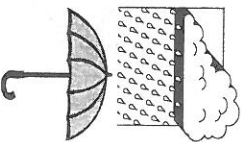
What kinds of damage do these natural disasters cause? What steps can be taken to protect communities from them?

Match the following sentences to the appropriate reactions and finish them.

- "What's it like out?"
  - "I think it's going to clear up / turn out fine."
  - "Yesterday was a scorcher."
  - "We're in for rain (a storm, a blow)."
  - "There's not a cloud in the sky."
  - "Lovely day, isn't it?"
  - "A bit hot and sticky for me."
  - "Looks like rain."
- "It's not the heat, it's the..."
  - "Yes, it's going..."
  - "It was over 30..."
  - "Yes, indeed, nice weather we're..."
  - "It's bright and..."
  - "The sun is..."
  - "It's raining, windy..."
  - "Horrible weather we're..."

Put the following ways of talking about rain in order, from lightest rain to heaviest. Translate them into your own language.

- It's pouring (with rain).
- It's drizzling.
- It's only a few drops.
- Looks like there'll be steady rain through most of the week.
- It's misty out.
- There are some scattered showers predicted for today.



Rainy weather can often make people sad or reflective, and they use the weather to describe how they feel. Look at the following expressions and match them to their meanings below, then use them in a short dialogue or story.

- I'm feeling a bit under the weather today.
  - I'll have to take a rain check on dinner tonight.
  - I've been saving this for a rainy day.
  - It never rains, but it pours.
  - I'll do it, come rain or shine.
  - Nice / Lovely weather for ducks.
  - Everything will be as right as rain again.
- a Bad or good things don't happen a few at a time.
  - b Sick or not well.
  - c No matter what happens.
  - d Reserve something for some future need.
  - e I can't do it now, I'll certainly do it later, regardless of the situation.
  - f Very wet.
  - g As it should be.