**Read the text about the weather on different areas of the UK again and fill in the missing words.**

In terms sunshine, the favoured spots are the south coast England with over 1,850 hours year on average, about 40% of the maximum number hours that are possible. In contrast, Shetland manages less than 1,100 hours per year – only about a quarter the hours possible.

Wettest of all are the highest parts of Snowdonia and the Lake District where over 4,000 mm of rain falls a typical year, with the western Scottish Highlands almost wet.

The driest areas are those near the Essex coast and the Thames Estuary, receiving less than 550 mm year. However, this area, along with the rest south-east England and East Anglia, is the most prone thunderstorms.

In terms of mean temperature, the coldest areas are Scotland's Grampian mountains with averages only a few degrees above freezing, over 100 frosts each year and more than 60 days of lying snow each year. The warmest places are central London and the west coast of Cornwall, but southern coasts are not far behind. Here, frost and snow are relatively rare.

Upland and coastal areas are the windiest, especially those the west and north such as the Western and Northern Isles of Scotland. Here we find highest frequency of gales. The least windy places tend be low-lying, well inland and towards the south, especially valleys, forests and built-up areas.

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