

Language for ...

weather

1 Warmer

Put these weather adjectives with the correct image.

balmy	bitter	blustery	boiling	breezy	chilly	crisp	cool
chilly	cool	freezing	icy	mild	scorching	sweltering	
warm	windy						







Which four adjectives from the box above usually describe pleasant weather?

2 Audio

a Listen to the weather forecast and decide if the following sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Today is going to be colder than yesterday.
- 2 The west will be wet all day.
- 3 It'll be dry on the east coast.
- 4 It's likely to be sunnier this evening.
- 5 Tomorrow will be warmer than today.
- 6 It'll rain again before the weekend.
- 7 Sunday will be a dry day.



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b Listen again and complete the sentences with the correct words.

- 1 Courtesy of a front which came in overnight, have dropped in most areas.
- 2 We're likely to have some bursts of rain and some rather blustery .
- 3 There's always the risk of isolated , especially on the coast which could see some heavier .
- 4 By late afternoon the rain starts to away and we should see brighter .
- 5 The rest of the working week remains .
- 6 It all goes downhill at the weekend, with increasing and a band of more persistent heading in from the west.
- 7 spells and scattered on Sunday.

3 Language in use

a Read the sentences describing weather. Look at the words in bold and match them with their meanings a-g.

- 1 I hope it **brightens up** today – we're planning to have a barbecue.
- 2 Suddenly the fog **lifted** and she had a fantastic view.
- 3 There's no way we can go walking, it's absolutely **pouring down**!
- 4 I think we should head back – it looks like the weather's starting to **close in**.
- 5 The sun was shining but there was a cool **breeze** off the sea.
- 6 It was glorious when we set off for the beach but by the time we arrived it had **clouded over**.
- 7 It wasn't raining heavily, just a bit of **drizzle**.

- a a light wind
- b to change suddenly and become unpleasant
- c to become sunnier
- d to become darker because clouds are forming in the sky
- e very light rain
- f to disappear
- g to rain very hard

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- b** Circle the option which does not combine with the noun to make a common phrase for describing weather.

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|---|----------|
| 1 <i>light / gentle / weak</i> | breeze |
| 2 <i>strong / heavy / torrential</i> | downpour |
| 3 <i>scattered / isolated / sprinkled</i> | showers |
| 4 <i>sunny / shiny / dry</i> | spells |
| 5 <i>strong / blustery / heavy</i> | winds |
| 6 <i>mist / fog / drizzle</i> | patches |
| 7 <i>scorching / frying / sweltering</i> | heat |
| 8 <i>light / bright / clear</i> | skies |

- c** Complete the conversation with the correct form of the words in the box. There is one word you don't need.

blustery brighten chilly clear cloud pour rain warm wind

Cat: Hi Amy. How was the camping trip?

Amy: The first night was awful. It absolutely (1) _____ down and everything in the tent got soaked.

Cat: Oh no, so what did you do, go to a hotel?

Amy: We were thinking about it, but when we woke the next morning it had (2) _____ up. We went down to the beach and it was actually quite (3) _____ and sunny.

Cat: Did you go in the sea?

Amy: Oh no, it didn't last long – after a couple of hours it (4) _____ over again. It was quite (5) _____, so we went back to the tent to make a cup of tea. But it was so (6) _____ that the stove kept blowing out. In the end we gave up and drove to a cafe!

Cat: What about the rest of the week?

Amy: The weather was pretty mixed, (7) _____ skies one day and then heavy (8) _____ the next.

Cat: Oh boy. Sounds like a typical summer in Scotland!

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Worksheet

4 Communicate

Practise having a short conversation describing what the weather was like at a particular period of time. Look at the pictures below or use your own ideas. Try to use some of the weather words and phrases from the exercises above.



It was absolutely boiling/freezing in ...
We only had a few showers/bit of drizzle.
It was chilly in the evenings.
It was a really blustery day.

It never really poured down.
Then it brightened up in the evening.
It snowed while I was ...
It had clouded over by lunchtime.

Red Words

breeze ** clear *** cloud *** forecast ** pour *** rain *** shower ** spell **
warm *** wind ***

5 Discuss

- Do you listen to/watch a weather forecast every day?
- If so, does it ever change what you wear/do, etc?
- Do you think weather forecasts provide reliable information?