Reading **5** Put the words in the box in the correct column. Sometimes more than one word is possible.

cloud dehydration lightning mud rain snow sunburn sunny wind

Hot	Cold	Wet

Listening **6** 33 Listen to five telephone conversations and complete this table.

Conversation	Weather	Problem(s)
1	(1) _____	(2) _____
2	(3) _____	(4) _____
3	(5) _____	(6) _____
4	(7) _____	(8) _____
5	(9) _____	(10) _____

Language

Because of

We can use ***because of*** to explain why we can't do something or why something isn't possible.	*How's it going?* *Well, we can't work on the roof at the moment.* *Why not?* ***Because of*** *the rain. It's too dangerous.* *Ah, yes, OK.*

7 Look at audio script 33 on page 76. Underline *because of* in the conversations.

8 Match questions 1–5 to reasons a–e.

1 Why can't you work on the roof? _____
2 Why do you need more sheeting? _____
3 Why can't you work outside? _____
4 Why can't you use the crane? _____
5 Why do you need sunglasses? _____

a) Because of the sand. We need to cover the machines.
b) Because it's too cold. We need better clothing.
c) Because of the sun. It's very bright.
d) Because of the rain. It's too dangerous for the roofers.
e) Because it's too windy. It's difficult to handle the loads.

Speaking **9** Imagine you work on construction sites all over the world. Give examples of problems different types of weather can cause. Discuss these with a partner.

A: One big problem on building sites is rain.
B: Why?
A: You can't work on the roof in the rain. It's too dangerous. And the ground is too soft for big trucks.
B: And the paint can't dry.
A: Yes, good point.

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