37 Weather

A What's the weather like?

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It's **sunny**. The **sun's shining**. It's a **bright** day.



It's **windy**. The **wind** is **blowing**. *pt* **blew**



It's **cloudy**. There are **a lot of** grey **clouds**.



There's **snow** on the mountains and **ice** on the river. **icy** *adj*



It's **raining**. The roads are **wet**. There's a lot of **rain**.

SPOTLIGHT *a lot (of) and a bit (of)*

a lot of / a bit of + noun	verb + **a lot / a bit**	**a bit** + adjective
▪ *We had **a lot of** rain.*	▪ *It snowed **a lot**.*	▪ *It's **a bit** cold today.*
▪ *There's **a bit of** snow.*	▪ *It's raining **a bit**.*	▪ *It was **a bit** windy.*

We don't usually use **a bit** with positive adjectives: NOT ~~*a bit sunny/good*~~.

1 **Match 1–9 with a–j.**

▶ It's d
1 It .....
2 The wind .....
3 It isn't .....
4 The sun .....
5 Is .....
6 There's a bit .....
7 There are lots of .....
8 It doesn't .....
9 What's .....

a clouds in the sky today.
b it bright and sunny outside?
c isn't raining.
d cold this morning. ✓
e of snow on the roads.
f rain a lot here.
g the weather like?
h very windy.
i blew my hat off.
j is shining.

2 **Rewrite the sentences keeping the same meaning.**

▶ There was a lot of rain. It rained a lot.
1 It isn't wet outside. It isn't ..... .
2 Is the sun shining? Is it ..... ?
3 We often have snow. It often ..... .
4 She doesn't like wind. She doesn't like ..... weather.
5 Is it hot or cold today? What's the ..... like?
6 There are a few clouds. It's a bit ..... .
7 Is there any ice on the roads? Is it ..... ?
8 It's windy today. The wind is ..... today.

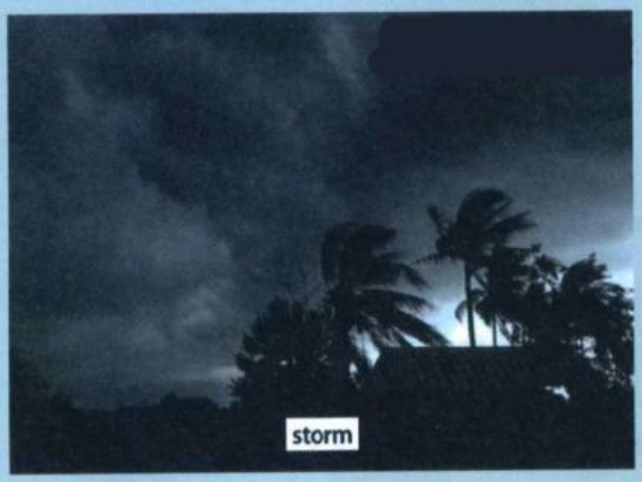
3 **Write *a lot*, *a lot of*, *a bit* or *a bit of*.**

▶ We had a lot of ..... rain this morning, but it's good for the garden.
1 It's ..... wet today.
2 There was ..... wind this morning. I couldn't use my umbrella.
3 It snows ..... in the mountains – sometimes over twenty centimetres a day.
4 There's ..... rain, but not much. You don't need your umbrella.
5 It snowed ..... last night – only two centimetres.
6 It rained ..... yesterday – I couldn't go out.
7 It's not a bad day. It's ..... cloudy but with some sun.
8 Don't go out in your car. There's ..... ice on the roads.

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B Weather in the seasons





In my country, the weather in spring **changes all the time**. It can be **dry** and **warm**, but we often have **showers**. It can get very hot in the cities in summer and then **suddenly** we have a **storm**. It's a lot **better** on the coast, where it's cooler. In autumn, we have **strong winds** and **heavy rain**. Winter brings clear **skies** and sunny days, but it's **extremely** cold.

GLOSSARY

change	become sth different
all the time	always or very often
dry	with no rain OPP **wet**
shower	a short period of rain
suddenly	quickly and often in a very surprising way
storm	(*see picture*)
better (than)	comparative form of **good** (here = nicer) OPP **worse (than)**: *The weather here is quite good, but the weather in the south is* **better**.
strong winds	A 50 kph wind is a **strong wind**.
heavy rain	a lot of rain
sky	the sky is above you when you look up into the air; **clear skies** are blue with no clouds in them
extremely	very

4 **Circle the correct word.**

▶ Warm weather is very (*nice*) / *uncomfortable*.

1 It was very sunny between the ***showers*** / ***storm***.
2 ***Suddenly*** / ***Extremely***, it started raining.
3 The sky is very ***warm*** / ***clear*** this morning.
4 Showers usually last a few ***hours*** / ***minutes***.
5 We had some very ***big*** / ***strong*** winds last night.
6 The weather ***changes*** / ***rains*** all the time.

5 **Rewrite the sentences using the words on the right and the word IN CAPITALS.**

▶ It's wet outside. RAIN It's raining outside.
1 It rained a lot last night. HEAVY There was _____.
2 The weather here isn't as good as Spain. BETTER The weather in Spain _____.
3 There was a bit of rain in the afternoon. SHOWER There _____.
4 The weather's different every day. CHANGE The weather _____.
5 It isn't wet today. DRY It _____.
6 We had heavy rain and strong winds. STORM We had _____.
7 There are no clouds in the sky. CLEAR There are _____.
8 There's snow every day in winter. ALL THE TIME It _____.

6 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY **Does your country have …**

▶ storms in summer? We often have storms in summer.
1 a lot of showers in spring? _____
2 much snow? _____
3 good weather in summer? _____
4 dry winters? _____
5 heavy rain in spring? _____
6 strong winds? _____

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