

37 Weather

A What's the weather like?



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



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



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



What's the weather like?

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



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

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.

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| ▶ It's | <u>d</u> | a clouds in the sky today. |
| 1 It | | b it bright and sunny outside? |
| 2 The wind | | c isn't raining. |
| 3 It isn't | | d cold this morning. ✓ |
| 4 The sun | | e of snow on the roads. |
| 5 Is | | f rain a lot here. |
| 6 There's a bit | | g the weather like? |
| 7 There are lots of | | h very windy. |
| 8 It doesn't | | i blew my hat off. |
| 9 What's | | j is shining. |

2 Rewrite the sentences keeping the same meaning.

- ▶ There was a lot of rain. It rained a lot.
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| 1 It isn't wet outside. It isn't | 5 Is it hot or cold today? What's the like? |
| 2 Is the sun shining? Is it? | 6 There are a few clouds. It's a bit |
| 3 We often have snow. It often | 7 Is there any ice on the roads? Is it? |
| 4 She doesn't like wind. She doesn't like weather. | 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.
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| 1 It's wet today. | 5 It snowed last night – only two centimetres. |
| 2 There was wind this morning. I couldn't use my umbrella. | 6 It rained yesterday – I couldn't go out. |
| 3 It snows in the mountains – sometimes over twenty centimetres a day. | 7 It's not a bad day. It's cloudy but with some sun. |
| 4 There's rain, but not much. You don't need your umbrella. | 8 Don't go out in your car. There's ice on the roads. |



TEST YOURSELF

B Weather in the seasons



hot

warm

cool

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

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.

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.

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| ► It's wet outside. | RAIN | It's <u>raining outside</u> . |
| 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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