

# 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 cloudy. There are a lot of grey clouds.



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



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)*

<b>a lot of / a bit of + noun</b>	<b>verb + a lot / a bit</b>	<b>a bit + adjective</b>
■ We had <b>a lot of</b> rain.	■ It snowed <b>a lot</b> .	■ It's <b>a bit</b> cold today.
■ There's <b>a bit of</b> snow.	■ It's raining <b>a bit</b> .	■ It was <b>a bit</b> 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 .....  
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 .....  
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a clouds in the sky today.  
b it's 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*.

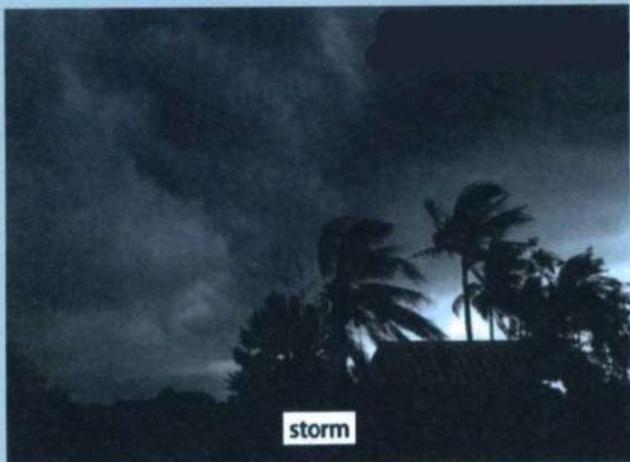
► We had a lot of ..... rain this morning, but it's good for the garden.  
1 It's ..... wet today.  
2 There was ..... wind this morning. I couldn't use my umbrella.  
3 It snows ..... in the mountains – sometimes over twenty centimetres a day.  
4 There's ..... rain, but not much. You don't need your 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.



### TEST YOURSELF

## B Weather in the seasons



### GLOSSARY

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

- 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? .....

