

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the extracts with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

While they ¹_____ (walk) in the mountains, a heavy storm suddenly ²_____ (come) in from the west. Neither of them ³_____ (experience) such a terrible storm before. They ⁴_____ (decide) to hide in a cave until the worst of the storm ⁵_____ (blow) over.

I ⁶_____ (live) in Greece when I first ⁷_____ (meet) Susie. She just ⁸_____ (walk) into the bar where I ⁹_____ (work). She ¹⁰_____ (be) the prettiest girl I ¹¹_____ (ever / see), and I ¹²_____ (fall) in love with her at first sight.

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct participle form of the verb in brackets.

- All the people _____ (invite) to the party were able to come.
- The number of people _____ (injure) in the explosion has doubled.
- Children _____ (play) near the railway line were warned about the dangers by police.
- A thief _____ (arrest) outside the bank has admitted the crime.
- The huge crowds _____ (wait) outside the stadium were disappointed when the star left early.
- There is some awful weather _____ (move) in from the north.
- An egg _____ (throw) at the politician's head narrowly missed its target.
- The number of holidaymakers _____ (leave) the country this weekend is lower than in recent years.

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VOCABULARY

3 Match the weather words 1-7 to the groups of words a-g.

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| 1 storm | a humid, boiling, unbearable |
| 2 heat | b thick, sudden, lift |
| 3 wind | c loud, flashes, thunder |
| 4 rain | d freeze, blue, death |
| 5 cold | e clouds, soaked, miserable |
| 6 fog | f skid, settle, fall |
| 7 snow | g strong, sail, damage |

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4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

hit pour blow stick pull ease turn flood

- It _____ down all week, and there's water everywhere. Now it _____ to hail and I can hear it hammering on the windows.
- Last night's powerful winds _____ down the garage. Fortunately, the winds _____ off now, so we can get outside and start repairs.

3 It was snowing so hard we had to _____ over and stop. We couldn't see out of the windscreen and we were worried about getting _____ in the car overnight.

4 Heavy rain has resulted in _____ in parts of the south-west. Some homes are under water.

5 Suddenly, we _____ the fog. We couldn't see a thing.

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5 Complete the sentences with *so*, *as* or *like*.

- There were something _____ a thousand people there at the concert!
- Our hotel was _____ magical a place as you could possibly imagine.
- Andy is a great entertainer, but his brother is nothing _____ as good.
- The weather was _____ awful that we stayed indoors all week.
- I had never been to a concert before where the music was _____ loud that I had to put earplugs in.
- The clouds are _____ lovely and white as ice cream.
- Steve drove _____ fast that I thought we were going to crash.

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box. Use the same word for each sentence in the pair.

blossom gather plant root settle stem
storm water

- a The falling snow _____ on the rooftops.
b Drink this to _____ your stomach.
- a It took ages to dig out the _____ of the old apple tree after we had chopped it down.
b The investigation hopes to find the _____ of the problem.
- a Could you _____ the plants in the living room for me while I'm away?
b All the _____ in the pools had dried up under the strong sunlight.
- a His writing career didn't begin to _____ until he had completed his fifth novel.
b In the spring, the cherry _____ on the trees is a beautiful sight.
- a A large crowd has begun to _____ in front of the palace to wait for the announcement.
b We have hired some people to help _____ the apple harvest before the bad weather starts.
- a The two brothers have always had a _____ relationship. They're always arguing and fighting.
b The weather's looking _____. Close all the windows.
- a The flowers have very long _____ and look beautiful in the garden.
b The fair in our village _____ from an ancient festival hundreds of years ago.
- a Terrorists have _____ a bomb in the building so the police have asked everybody to leave.
b We have hundreds of different _____ in our garden.

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