

WORD STORE 8D | The weather

2 Complete the collocations with the words from the box in Exercise 1.

- sunshine: bright
- skies: 1 (no clouds)
 cloudy / overcast (clouds)
- wind: strong
 2
- rain / snow: 3
 light
- day / weather: wet (rain)
 4 (no rain)

4 Look at the vocabulary in lesson 8.3 in the Students' Book. Choose the correct option.

- 1 It's very *wind* / *windy* today. Be careful when you drive.
- 2 The *sun* / *sunny* is shining. It's a beautiful day!
- 3 We get a lot of *fog* / *foggy* here because of the lake.
- 4 It's very *cloud* / *cloudy*. Do you think it will rain?
- 5 It may *rain* / *rainy* later, so take a coat.
- 6 It was a *fog* / *foggy* morning when Dad crashed into the car in front of him.
- 7 It's a horrible, *rain* / *rainy* day today.
- 8 We had beautiful weather on holiday. It was *sun* / *sunny* every day.
- 9 What a lovely day. There isn't a *cloud* / *cloudy* in the sky.
- 10 There will be a strong *wind* / *windy* all day. Great for windsurfing.

- 1 Read the text. Complete gaps 1–4 with the words from the box. There are two extra words.

(bright clear dry heavy light strong wet)

Extract from Students' Book recording  3.46

P: And here's Nick Newman with the late-night weather.

NN: Good evening. Well, it seems spring's almost here. Across the British Isles, tomorrow will be warmer, but not everywhere ...

So, let's look at the weather in more detail, and I'll start with the south. In all of southern England, tomorrow will be the sunniest day of the week; it will be dry, with ¹ _____ skies and sunshine all day. In most places, there'll be a ² _____ wind, but it will still feel quite warm; temperatures will be around eighteen degrees in most of the area and will get to twenty in Cornwall.

Across Wales and the Midlands, the morning will be foggy, but the fog should soon clear. After that we can expect a sunny day with some cloud. There will be a few showers with the possibility of thunder in the late afternoon. The morning won't be very warm – only eight degrees, I'm afraid. But it should get warmer during the afternoon and the temperature will rise to fourteen degrees.

In the north of England, Saturday will be a windy day, and that ³ _____ west wind will bring rainy weather from the Atlantic. It will be cloudy with showers most of the day but there will be some sunny moments. Temperatures will be around thirteen degrees, but it will feel colder in the wind. Now for Scotland and Northern Ireland. Well, it's definitely not spring here yet. There will be a lot of cloud around and quite a lot of rain. The Highlands will have the wettest weather. The rain will be ⁴ _____ there, and high up in the mountains it may still snow tonight and tomorrow night.

Temperatures at best around eleven degrees.

REMEMBER BETTER

Learning antonyms can help you keep talking about a topic even if you forget a word which you want to use.

Compare these two students trying to say that *the wind was light*.

The wind was very er ... er ... weak ... er low ... er soft ... er

The wind was very ... it wasn't strong at all.

Complete the second sentence in each pair using the correct antonym.

There was pleasant, light wind, so we weren't too hot on the beach.

The wind wasn't **strong** and it was cool on the beach.

- 1 Wake up and look out of the window. The sky isn't cloudy at all.

Wake up and look out of the window. The sky is beautifully _____.

- 2 I don't need a coat. It's raining but it's a light rain.

I don't need a coat. The rain isn't very _____.

- 3 The weather in France wasn't great but, fortunately, it was dry.

The weather in France wasn't great but, fortunately, it wasn't _____.

- 4 There was light snow but it was safe to drive.

It was safe to drive because the snow wasn't very _____.

VOCABULARY PRACTICE | Word building 1

- 3 Look at the vocabulary in lesson 8.3 in the Students' Book. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

A: Where's Verona?

B: It's in **northern** Italy. (north)

- 1 A: My cousins have a holiday house in Brest.

B: Oh? Where's that?

A: It's in _____ France. (west)

- 2 A: Where are you going for your holiday this year?

B: I'm not sure where exactly yet, but it'll be somewhere warm in _____ Europe. (south)

- 3 A: Does it rain a lot in the _____ part of the country? (east)

B: No, actually. It's very _____ there.