Putting words together... 19.3

- When there is a lot of bright light, we say the **sun is shining**, and when you feel the air around you move, we say the **wind is blowing**.
- A **clear sky** or a **blue sky** is a sky with no clouds.
- The **weather improves** when it stops raining or gets warmer and when it starts raining or gets colder, we say the weather **gets worse**.
- **Heavy rain** or **heavy snow** is when a lot of rain or snow falls at the same time, and **light rain** or **light snow** is when only a little rain or snow falls.
- In certain parts of the world, **the rainy season** is the part of the year when it rains a lot, and **the dry season** is the part of the year when there is no rain.

Describing the weather 19.4

To describe the weather at a later time, say:

- ***It's going to*** *rain this afternoon.*
- *The weather* ***is going to*** *improve later this week.*

To ask someone to describe the weather, say:

- ***What's the weather like?***
- ***What was the weather like*** *when you were there?*

Exercise 4

Match the statements and questions (1–7) with the replies (a–g).

1 What's the weather like today?
2 What's the weather like in your part of the country?
3 Will I need my warm coat?
4 Is it going to rain this afternoon?
5 We could go out for a walk later.
6 There was an incredible storm last night.
7 Is the weather going to improve soon?

a No, it's going to be dry all day.
b Yes, I know. Did you see the lightning?
c It's very wet for three months of the year and dry the rest of the year.
d Only if the weather improves.
e Yes, there's a very cold wind blowing.
f No, it's going to get worse. There's going to be heavy rain all week.
g The sun is shining and there's a beautiful clear sky.

Exercise 5 19.5

These people are describing the weather in their country. Complete the sentences. Listen and check.

1 The *rainy season* lasts for four months and during that time it rains all the time, day and night.

2 We get a lot of storms during the summer months – the thunder and _____ can be incredible.

3 In the summer, the sky is completely clear – there are no _____ at all.

4 It gets cold in the winter. When you get up in the morning, there's _____ all over the car.

5 It's quite cold in the winter and sometimes we get some _____ snow, but only one or two centimetres.

6 It's very _____ in the winter so we do a lot of skiing. Sometimes, the snow is so _____ that it is difficult to get out of the house.



Use the words you've learned...

Describe the weather today. Then describe the weather in the place where you live or a place that you have visited.

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