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Universal wet weekend

The weather across much of the British Isles (0) settled last week, with a good (1) of sunshine. On Saturday, the lunchtime temperature at Bridlington in the north-east of England was 28.2 °C, which compared favourably with Alicante in southern Spain at 29 °C. The rest of the world, however, was coping with some extreme conditions. A tropical storm, given the name Helen, hit Hong Kong on Saturday morning, though her presence had been (2) in advance. From noon on Friday, the showers and (3) of rain became more and more frequent so that by midnight on Sunday, thirty-six hours later, there had been 333 mm of rainfall, not far off the (4) for the month of August, at 367 mm. Even on Sunday there was a (5) in Helen's tail. The town centre of Shanwei, near Hong Kong, was flooded when 468 mm of rain fell in the sixty hours (6) up to midday on Sunday, (7) twice the normal August rainfall. On the other (8) of the globe, tropical storm Gabrielle moved across the Gulf of Mexico and overnight rain (9) the usual rainfall for the (10) month. Although most of Europe enjoyed sun, the high temperatures were sufficient to set off some (11) showers. On Tuesday morning, a thunderstorm at Lyons in eastern France (12) 99 mm of rain in just six hours.

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| 1 A extent | B quantity | C proportion | D deal |
| 2 A waited | B found | C felt | D warned |
| 3 A outbursts | B outbreaks | C outputs | D outlets |
| 4 A general | B standard | C medium | D average |
| 5 A sting | B prick | C stab | D poke |
| 6 A going | B leading | C taking | D approaching |
| 7 A only | B fairly | C hardly | D nearly |
| 8 A section | B side | C face | D part |
| 9 A overtook | B exceeded | C passed | D beat |
| 10 A total | B sole | C single | D whole |
| 11 A huge | B weighty | C heavy | D strong |
| 12 A deposited | B placed | C lay | D set |