

1 WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE?

a Put the words or phrases in the right place in the chart.

below zero /bə'lu:zə/ boiling /'boi:lin/ breeze /'briz/ chilly /'tʃili/ cool /ku:l/ damp /dæmp/ drizzling /'drizliŋ/ freezing /'frizŋ/ humid /hyu'mid/ mild /maɪld/ pouring /'paʊriŋ/ (rain) showers /'ʃauəz/ warm /wɔ:m/

	1 It's <u>cool</u> _____. (a little cold)	5 It's _____. (pleasant and not cold)	8 It's _____. (warm and damp)	
	2 It's _____. (unpleasantly cold)	6 It's _____. (a pleasantly high temperature)	9 It's _____. (a little bit wet but not raining)	13 There's a _____. (a light wind)
	It's cold.	It's hot.	It's raining / wet.	It's windy.
	3 It's _____. (very cold)	7 It's _____. / It's scorching. (unpleasantly hot)	11 There are _____. (raining intermittently)	
	4 It's _____. (-10°)		12 It's _____. (raining a lot)	

b Complete the sentences with *fog*, *mist*, and *smog*.

When the weather's foggy or misty, or there is smog, it is difficult to see.

_____ isn't usually very thick, and often occurs in the mountains or near the ocean.

_____ is thicker, and can be found in towns and in the country.

_____ is caused by pollution and usually occurs in big cities.

2 EXTREME WEATHER

a Match the words and definitions.

blizzard /'blɪzəd/ drought /drəʊt/ flood /fləd/ hail /heɪl/ heat wave /hit weɪv/ hurricane /hə'rækɪn/ lightning /laɪtnɪŋ/ monsoon /mən'su:n/ thunder /'θʌndə/

- 1 heat wave *n* a period of unusually hot weather
- 2 _____ *n* a long, usually hot, dry period when there is little or no rain
- 3 _____ *n* and *v* small balls of ice that fall like rain
- 4 _____ *n* a flash of very bright light in the sky caused by electricity
- 5 _____ *n* and *v* the loud noise that you hear during a storm
- 6 _____ *n* a snow storm with very strong winds
- 7 _____ *v* and *n* when everything becomes covered with water
- 8 _____ *n* a violent storm with very strong winds (also *cyclone*, *tornado*)
- 9 _____ *n* the season when it rains a lot in southern Asia

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE WEATHER

a Complete the weather forecast with these adjectives.

bright /brɪ:t/ changeable /'tʃeɪndʒəbl/ clear /klɪr/ heavy /hevi/ icy /aɪsɪ/ settled /'setld/ (= not likely to change) strong /strɒŋ/ sunny /sʌni/ thick /θɪk/

In the western part of New York it will be very cold, with strong _____ winds and heavy _____ rain. There will also be icy _____ fog in the hills and valleys, though it should clear by midday. Driving will be dangerous because the roads will be icy _____. However, the Hudson Valley and the tri-state area will have sunny _____ skies and it will be clear _____ and sunny, though the temperature will still be low. Over the next few days the weather will be changeable _____ with some showers, but occasional settled _____ periods. It should become more bright _____ over the weekend.