

21 I can talk about the weather

A What's the weather like?

	Adjectives	Verbs	Nouns
	It's sunny .	The sun's shining .	sun/sunshine
	It's cloudy .		cloud
	It's wet .	It's raining .	rain u
	It's windy .	The wind's blowing . PT blew	wind
	It's icy .		ice u
	It's foggy .		fog u
		It's snowing .	snow u

1 Match 1 – 9 with a – j.

- It's d a of cloud today.
- 1 It b it foggy outside?
- 2 The wind c isn't raining.
- 3 It isn't d cold this morning. ✓
- 4 The sun e snow on the roads.
- 5 Is f rain a lot here.
- 6 There's a bit g the weather like?
- 7 There's a lot of h very windy.
- 8 It doesn't i blew my hat off.
- 9 What's j is shining.

spotlight **a lot (of)/a bit (of)**

a lot of/a bit of + noun
We had **a lot of** rain.
There's **a bit of** fog.

verb + a lot/a bit
It snowed **a lot**.
It's raining **a bit**.

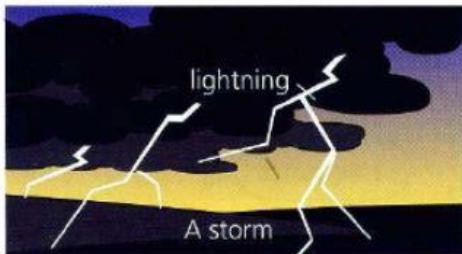
a bit + adjective
It's **a bit** foggy today.
It was **a bit** windy.

2 Rewrite the sentences using the correct word.

- There was a lot of ice. It was very icy .
- 1 It isn't raining. There's no .
- 2 Is the sun shining? Is it ?
- 3 We often have snow. It often .
- 4 She doesn't like fog. She doesn't like weather.
- 5 It was very windy on Friday. There was a lot of on Friday.
- 6 There are no clouds. It isn't .

3 Test yourself. Cover the words in the table and look at the pictures. What's the weather like?

B Wet and dry weather



In my country, the weather in spring is very **changeable**. It can be **pleasant** and **dry**, but we often have **showers**. It can get **hot** in the summer for two or three months, and in the cities it is often **humid**, especially before a **storm**. It's **cooler** on the coast, where there is usually a sea **breeze**. In autumn, we get some **heavy rain**, perhaps with **thunder** and **lightning**. In winter, it can be dry, sunny and **freezing**, or grey and **damp**.

Glossary

changeable changing a lot
pleasant nice
dry OPP **wet**
shower a short period of rain
hot OPP **cold**
humid warm, wet and uncomfortable
storm *see picture*
breeze a light, pleasant wind
cool not hot or warm, but pleasant
heavy rain a lot of rain
thunder the loud noise of a storm
lightning *see picture*
freezing very, very cold
damp cold and a bit wet

4 Circle the correct word.

► Humid weather is very pleasant/uncomfortable

- 1 There was a bit of sunshine between the showers/lightning.
- 2 Do you like watching the lightning/thunder when it's stormy?
- 3 The air in the Sahara Desert is dry/humid, and it's very hot/cool at midday.
- 4 Showers usually last a few hours/minutes.
- 5 In cold, wet weather, your clothes feel damp/humid.
- 6 By the sea you get a nice breeze/wind.

5 Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets.

► It's wet outside. (rain) It's raining outside.

- 1 It rained a lot last night. (heavy) There was _____.
- 2 It was warm and damp yesterday. (humid) It _____.
- 3 There was a bit of rain in the afternoon. (shower) There _____.
- 4 The weather changes a lot. (changeable) The weather _____.
- 5 It isn't wet today. (dry) It _____.
- 6 We had heavy rain and thunder. (storm) We had _____.

6 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY Make the sentences true for your country.

► We often have storms in July. We never have storms in July.

- 1 We have a lot of showers in the spring. _____.
- 2 In winter it's always freezing at night. _____.
- 3 The weather is always the same in the summer. _____.
- 4 We sometimes have heavy rain for 24 hours. _____.
- 5 It often snows in the winter. _____.
- 6 Our winters are usually dry. _____.
- 7 We often have thunder and lightning. _____.
- 8 It is usually hot and dry in summer. _____.