

READING

Read the text below and answer the questions.

Weather in the UK

The weather affects everyone, and everyone has something to say about the weather. This is especially true in a country like the UK that has very changeable weather. In the UK the weather from one day to the next can be completely different, or even from the morning to the afternoon. The weather can change from being rainy one day to sunny the next or from strong wind and gales in the morning to snow in the afternoon.

In the UK there are four seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter and the weather is different in each of them. However, there is not a sudden change between the seasons. The end of the winter season is the same as the start of the spring season. It takes several weeks for the weather to change enough for people to notice the difference.

The summer is the season with the best weather. In general, it is hot and sunny with only a little rain sometimes. However, it can sometimes be cold and wet for one or two weeks at a time. British people like to spend a lot of time outside when it is nice in the summer. After the summer is the autumn. In this season the weather gets colder and there are stronger winds, also it will rain more. All the leaves will start to fall off the trees as it is cold. Frost might start to form on the ground towards the end of the autumn.

Winter is the coldest season in the UK. The temperature will often be at zero degrees Celsius. This means that ice will often form on the ground overnight where there were puddles. This makes it difficult to walk sometimes. There might also be snow, but the UK does not get much snow, mainly just cold rain in the winter. Then when winter ends the spring starts. The temperature will start to get warmer and the winds will not be as strong. Plants start to grow again and new leaves form. It is always nice when the spring starts as it means the nice weather in the summer is nearly back again.

Many people in the UK complain about the weather, but as the weather changes so much it is very interesting and gives the people something to talk about all year round.

1. What is the writer trying to do in this article?
 - a. describe the weather in UK
 - b. tell readers to be careful with UK weather because it changes
 - c. invite tourists to visit UK and experience the different weather
 - d. encourage readers to notice the differences in weather

2. What can a reader find out from this text?
 - a. when the best time is to visit UK
 - b. what types of weather people may find in UK
 - c. how to talk about UK weather
 - d. which activities people can do in each weather

3. According to the text, the UK weather
 - a. is very similar in each season
 - b. affects some UK people
 - c. takes time to change
 - d. is changeable and people don't like it

4. The writer implies that spring is good because
 - a. it is not winter
 - b. it is the shortest season
 - c. it only happens every other year
 - d. it means the summer is nearly back

5. It is likely the writer
 - a. will show the positive side of having different types of weather
 - b. will write about UK unchangeable weather
 - c. gets bored about writing about UK weather
 - d. won't write about UK weather any more