

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

NOUNS AND ADJECTIVES

GRAMMAR

Words for people, places or things are *nouns*. Words that describe people, places and things are *adjectives*.

We write adjectives before a noun.

good climate, *cold* winter, *happy* child

Adjectives always go after *is* / *are* (not).

Summer *is nice*.

Ice skating and skiing *are popular* in my country.

The rainy season *is not dry*.



1 Match the adjectives (1–7) with their opposites (a–g).

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| 1 difficult | a warm |
| 2 cold | b dry |
| 3 sunny | c hot |
| 4 cool | d cloudy |
| 5 rainy | e unpopular |
| 6 popular | f easy |
| 7 happy | g sad |

2 Underline the nouns and circle the adjectives in the sentences.

- 1 The café is warm.
- 2 October is rainy.
- 3 The climate is good.
- 4 Summers are hot.
- 5 Winters are cold.

3 Read the sentences. Write the words from the box in the gaps.

cloudy cold difficult happy sunny

- 1 In Yakutsk, life is _____ in winter.
- 2 The children are _____. There is no school today.
- 3 It is warm and _____ today.
- 4 The winter is _____ in Yakutsk.
- 5 The rainy season is _____. You do not see the sun for days.

ACADEMIC WRITING SKILLS

WORD ORDER

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Subject–verb–noun (phrase) / adjective

A sentence is about a *subject*. The subject is a pronoun, a noun or a noun phrase. Write the *verb* after the *subject* in a sentence. Write a noun, a noun phrase or an adjective after the verb *be*.

Noun or noun phrase: Svetlana *is the manager*. She *is the mother of two children*.

Adjective: Winter *is cold*. Life *is difficult*.

1 Circle the option that is true for you or your country.

- 1 It *is* / *is not* cold in December.
- 2 Skiing *is* / *is not* popular in my country.
- 3 I am *happy* / *sad* in spring.
- 4 I think the weather in my country is *good* / *bad*.
- 5 It is *rainy* / *sunny* in August.
- 6 It is *warm* / *cold* in November.
- 7 The summer *is* / *is not* dry in my country.

2 Put the words in order to make sentences.

- 1 is / in / Russia / Ice skating / popular / .

- 2 are / two seasons / There / in Cuba / .

- 3 rainy / is / It / in April / .

- 4 hot / is / in Cuba / It / .

- 5 are / warm / The summers / .

- 6 dry / in August / is / It / .

- 7 windy / it / In winter, / is / .



PUNCTUATION

Capital letters

For the following types of words, the first letter is always a capital letter.

names of months: April, May, June

names of days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

nationalities: Mexican, Egyptian, Korean

names of people: Juanna, Luis, Rodrigo

names of places: Turkey, Cairo, New York

Commas

Commas separate parts of a sentence or things in a list. Use a comma:

- after a prepositional phrase at the beginning of a sentence
- when listing three or more items

In winter, we go skiing.

In summer, we go swimming.

It is going to be windy on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

We do not usually use a comma before *and*.

3 Add commas to the items in the lists.

- 1 It is spring in March April and May.
- 2 It rains in spring summer and autumn.
- 3 The coldest months are December January and February.
- 4 The warmest months are June July and August.

4 Correct the punctuation in the sentences. Add capital letters, commas and full stops.

- 1 in january the weather is cold in russia

- 2 the average temperature is +21 °C in july

- 3 in the rainy season the average rainfall is 146 mm in cuba

- 4 the weather is sunny in summer

- 5 in dubai august is a hot month