

1 WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE?

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

below zero /bɪ'ləʊ 'zi:əʊ/ boiling /'bɔɪlɪŋ/ breeze /bri:z/ chilly /'tʃɪli/ cool /ku:l/ damp /dæmp/ drizzling /'drɪzəlɪŋ/
freezing /'fri:zɪŋ/ humid /'hju:mɪd/ mild /maɪld/ pouring /'pɔ:ɪŋ/ (with rain) showers /'ʃaʊəz/ warm /wɔ:m/

	1 It's <u>cool</u> . (quite cold)	5 It's _____. (pleasant and not cold)	8 It's _____. (a bit wet but not raining)	
	2 It's _____. (unpleasantly cold)	6 It's _____. (a pleasantly high temperature)	9 It's _____. (raining lightly)	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 sea.
- _____ is thicker, and can be found in towns and in the country.
- _____ is caused by pollution and usually occurs in big cities.

c (231)) Listen and check a and b.

2 EXTREME WEATHER

a Match the words and definitions.

blizzard /'blɪzəd/ drought /draʊt/ flood /flʌd/
hail /heɪl/ heatwave /'hi:tweɪv/ hurricane /'hʌrɪkən/
lightning /'laɪtnɪŋ/ monsoon /mɒn'su:n/ thunder /'θʌndə/

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

b (232)) Listen and check.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE WEATHER

a Complete the weather forecast with these adjectives.

bright /braɪt/ changeable /'tʃeɪndʒəbəl/ clear /kleə/
heavy /'hevi/ icy /aɪsi/ settled /'setld/ (= not likely to change)
strong /strɒŋ/ sunny /'sʌni/ thick /θɪk/

In the north of England and Scotland it will be very cold, with ¹strong winds and ²_____ rain. There will also be ³_____ fog in the hills and near the coast, though it should clear by midday. Driving will be dangerous as the roads will be ⁴_____. However, the south of England and the Midlands will have ⁵_____ skies and it will be ⁶_____ and sunny, though the temperature will still be quite low. Over the next few days the weather will be ⁷_____, with some showers, but occasional ⁸_____ periods. It should become more ⁹_____ over the weekend.

b (233)) Listen and check.

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