

The weather and climate

1 Complete the sentences with the correct nouns describing the weather. The first letters have been given.

- 1 Driving was dangerous for a while because you couldn't see much of the road ahead. Then suddenly the f__ lifted.
- 2 There was a f_____ last night and I am worried about the plants in the garden. I hope they haven't died.
- 3 It's only a s_____. We can go out and eat in the garden again in a couple of minutes.
- 4 The pavements were covered with i__ today and my mum nearly fell over.
- 5 There's a s_____ coming. Make sure you don't leave any windows open.
- 6 There were so many c_____ that we couldn't see the sun all day.
- 7 The t_____ that came with the storm was very loud and it scared the dog.
- 8 Children love the s_____, but their parents don't! They have to dig a way through it.
- 9 If there's l_____ when you're out for a walk, do not shelter under a tree!

3 Complete the pairs of sentences with the correct words. Use the correct form of the verbs.

1 climate / weather

- A We had to study the _____ of different countries in our geography lessons.
- B What's the _____ going to be like at the weekend?

2 fall / reach / drop / rise

- A The temperature _____ quickly yesterday and it _____ 34 degrees in the sun.
- B The temperature always _____ down in the evening and last night it _____ to minus five.

3 cool off / warm up

- A You must be cold! Come in and _____.
- B We were really hot and had to _____ in the pool.

4 freezing / chilly

- A The evening wasn't as cold as in winter, but it was really _____, so we needed to dress up warm.
- B It was _____ last night, so we put on thick coats, scarves and gloves!

5 mild / humid

- A It's been a _____ winter so far, with no snow and hardly any frosts.
- B It was very _____ when we were on holiday and the air conditioning didn't work! Yuck!

COLLOCATIONS

4 Complete the sentences with the correct words in the box.

light thick heavy overcast dry bitterly
torrential baking scattered gale-force

- 1 The footballers continued to play in spite of the _____ rain.
- 2 You expect _____ rain in some tropical countries, but not here.
- 3 It was _____ hot and I couldn't stay on the beach.
- 4 The forecast said there would be _____ showers across the region during the morning, but a lot of sunshine between them.
- 5 It's _____ cold outside, so dress up warm.
- 6 My dad doesn't like driving when there's _____ fog.
- 7 The _____ skies made us think that it was going to pour with rain any moment.
- 8 When it's very hot, a _____ breeze makes it bearable.
- 9 Several trees were blown down in the _____ winds.
- 10 After the rain, we'll have a _____ spell for a few days.

Circle the odd one out.

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| 1. urban | humid | picturesque | rural | rocky |
| 2. foggy | rainy | windy | cloudy | snowing |
| 3. severe | mountainous | mild | tropical | wet |
| 4. downpour | rain | frost | drizzle | shower |
| 5. mosquito | bee | fly | hare | butterfly |
| 6. eagle | stork | wasp | pigeon | swan |
| 7. tulip | oak | daisy | poppy | daffodil |
| 8. rabbit | lizard | giraffe | seal | wolf |
| 9. hamster | seagull | tortoise | dog | guinea pig |
| 10. cock | hen | goat | goose | fox |