UNIVERSAL WET WEEKEND

Read the text and choose the appropiate word for each gap..

The weather across much of the British Isles (0)_____ settled last week, with a good (1)_____ of sunshine. On Saturday, the lunchtime temperature at Bridlington in the north-east of English was 28.2 °C, which compared favorably with Alicante in southern Spain at 29 °C. The rest of the world, however, was coping with some extreme conditions. A tropical storm, given the name Helen, hit Hong Kong on Saturday morning, though her presence had been (2)_____ in advance. From noon on Friday, the showers and (3)_____ of rain became more and more frequent so that by midnight on Sunday, thirty'six hours later, there had been 333 mm of rainfall, not far off the (4)_____ for the month of August, at 367 mm. Even on Sunday there was a (5)_____ in Helen's tail. The town center of Shanwei, near Hong Kong, was flooded when 468 mm of rain fell in the sixty hours (6)_____ up to midday on Sunday, (7)_____twice the normal August rainfall. On the other (8)_____ of the globe, tropical storm Gabrielle moved across the Gulf of Mexico and overnight rain (9)_____ the usual rainfall for the (10)_____ month. Although most of Europe enjoyed sun, the high temperatures were sufficient to set off some (11)_____ showers. On Tuesday morning, a thunderstorm at Lyons in eastern France (12)_____ 99 mm of rain in just six hours.