

Philippines's Weather

Read the text and answer the questions

The Philippines is a country located on a collection of tropical islands in the southern Pacific Ocean. Weather in this Southeast Asian country differs greatly throughout the year. In the mountainous western part of the country, which includes the capital city of Manila, there are two distinct seasons: a "rainy season" and a "dry season". In this region the rainy season lasts from June to November and is characterised by hot and humid temperatures ranging up to 33°C. During the rainy season, the Philippines are subject to monsoons, which are sea-breezes that can have a very strong impact on the weather. Due to the humidity and copious amounts of condensation of water vapour in the air, summer monsoons bring abundant rainstorms. The average rainfall can be as much as 5000 millimeters per year, with the majority of that occurring during the summer monsoon season. The rainy season also sees many strong, destructive storms called typhoons. Typhoons, also known as cyclones or hurricanes in the western Atlantic Ocean, are tropical storms with wind speeds of between 118 and 219km/h. The dry season, lasting from December to May, is the **complete** opposite of the rainy season. Unlike summer monsoons, winter monsoons do not bring the tropical rains, and often dissipate, bringing droughts to the Philippines.

1. Where is the Philippines located?

- a) Eastern Pacific Ocean
- b) Western Atlantic Ocean
- c) Southern Pacific Ocean
- d) Northern Indian Ocean

2. What are the two distinct seasons in the mountainous western part of the Philippines?

- a) Winter and Spring
- b) Spring and Summer
- c) Rainy and Dry
- d) Monsoon and Typhoon

3. When does the rainy season in the Philippines typically occur?

- a) December to May
- b) June to November
- c) January to February
- d) March to August

4. During which season does the Philippines experience droughts?

- a) Rainy season
- b) Dry season
- c) Monsoon season
- d) Hurricane season

5. Which part of the Philippines experiences the most rainfall during the summer monsoon season?

- a) Eastern part
- b) Northern part
- c) Southern part
- d) Western part