15 Weather conditions

A Normal weather

Word	Example	Meaning
pour (with rain)	*It's **pouring (with rain)** outside!*	rain a lot
shower	*We had a **heavy shower** this morning.*	rain for a short period of time, which can be **heavy** (= a lot) or **light** (= a little)
rainfall	***Rainfall** is low in the summer.*	the total amount of rain in a place over a period of time
the cold	*I hate **the cold.***	cold weather
freezing	*It was **freezing (cold)** yesterday.*	very cold
thunder and lightning	*We had a lot of **thunder and lightning** during the storm.*	a loud noise in the sky when there is a storm, and then a sudden bright light in the sky
sunshine	*We sat outside in the **sunshine**.*	the light and heat from the sun
fog	*There was **thick fog** on the motorway this morning.*	**Fog** is cloud close to the ground which is difficult to see through. **Thick fog** is very difficult to see through. **foggy** *adj*
mild	*This has been a very **mild** winter.*	not very cold, and therefore pleasant
horrible	*The weather has been **horrible** this week.*	very bad or unpleasant SYN **dreadful, awful, terrible**

1 Tick the *wet* weather conditions.

▶ rainfall ☑ sunshine ☐ foggy ☐ pouring ☐ cloudy ☐ shower ☐ freezing ☐ mild ☐

2 Match 1–6 with a–g.

▶ don't like	c	**a**	weather
1 thick	.....	**b**	with rain
2 a heavy	.....	**c**	the cold ✓
3 horrible	.....	**d**	cold
4 freezing	.....	**e**	shower
5 a mild	.....	**f**	fog
6 pour	.....	**g**	day

3 Complete the words in the texts.

1 When I woke up it was quite cloudy but ▶ mild, for the time of year. Then on the way to work, it suddenly got very dark and we had some t..... and l....., and it started p..... with r..... . I got really wet.

2 Yesterday was fantastic. It was incredibly hot, and we had about ten hours of s..... .

3 We've had d..... weather this week. It's been so f..... in the morning that you could hardly see, followed by heavy s..... almost every day, and f..... cold as well.

4 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY **Write your answers, or talk to another student.**

1 When do you get the heaviest rainfall? .....

2 Do you get a lot of sunshine? If so, when? .....

3 Is spring generally cold or mild? .....

4 Do you get much fog? If so, when? .....

5 Is it often freezing cold? If so, when? And do you like the cold? .....

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B Extreme weather

These natural **disasters occur** quite **regularly** in certain parts of the world.

Hurricane[1]: a **sudden** and **violent** storm with very strong winds, which often **destroys** buildings and brings down **branches** and trees.

Flood[2]: too much water, often the result of heavy rain, which **floods** the land and **damages** roads, bridges, buildings, etc.

Tidal wave[3]: a very large ocean wave, often caused by an **extreme** storm or **earthquake**, which destroys things when it reaches land.

Drought[4]: a long period with no rain. **Crops** die, and people may **starve to death**.

GLOSSARY

disaster	sth very bad that happens causing harm or death
occur	happen
regularly	If sth happens **regularly**, it happens again and again with the same amount of time in between.
sudden	happening very quickly **suddenly** *adv*
violent	very strong and usually causing damage
destroy	break sth completely so it cannot be used again **destruction** *n*
branch	one of the parts of a tree that grow out from the thick main part
damage	break or harm sth **damage** *n*
extreme	very great or strong
earthquake	a sudden strong movement of the ground, which often opens up
crops	plants that are grown for food, e.g. *rice, potatoes*
starve (to death)	die because you do not have enough food to eat

5 Is the pronunciation of the underlined sounds the same or different? Write *S* or *D*. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶ flood / moon D
1 crop / occur .....
2 occur / earthquake .....
3 disaster / starve .....
4 violent / tidal .....
5 drought / bought .....
6 drought / out .....
7 damage / branch .....
8 disaster / regularly .....
9 flood / destruction .....

6 Match 1–5 with a–f.

▶ disaster d
1 flood .....
2 tidal wave .....
3 drought .....
4 earthquake .....
5 hurricane .....

a a long period of very dry weather
b sudden movement of the ground
c very strong winds
d a very bad thing that causes harm or death ✓
e a very large movement in the ocean
f become filled or covered with water

7 Complete the texts.

▶ When the tidal wave reached land, it was over ten metres high.

1 48 hours of heavy rain has brought more ..... to the south-west of England. Many roads have been badly ..... and winds have also brought down ..... and entire trees. Two bridges have been completely ..... and will need to be rebuilt.

2 With no rain for months, the ..... in Ethiopa is the worst for ten years. Food is in short supply because most of the ..... have died, and now tens of thousands of people are ..... and could die unless help arrives very soon. It is one of the worst natural ..... in living memory.

3 We are getting reports of a violent earthquake in Western China. It ..... without warning, has caused a huge amount of ..... and has completely ..... whole villages.

4 California is experiencing more ..... weather conditions. After the recent floods, a ..... storm is now reaching the west coast of the state. It is accompanied by winds of over 100mph. Weather experts say that these ..... are now occurring ..... : at least one a year over the past ten years.

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