

A Week of Strange Weather

This week, the weather in our town has been very unusual. On Monday, it **was sunny**, and people went to the beach. But on Tuesday, it **started raining heavily**, and the temperature **dropped**. On Wednesday, the sun came back, but the wind **was so strong** that it **blew away** umbrellas and even a few bicycles! Today is Thursday, and it **is snowing**, which never happens in April. People **are wearing** winter coats and boots again.

Many shops **are selling** umbrellas and jackets at a discount, and tourists **are taking** pictures of the snow. Meteorologists say the weather will return to normal next week, but nobody knows for sure.

People **are talking** about climate change more than ever.

Comprehension Questions

1. What was the weather like on Monday?

2. What happened on Tuesday?

3. Why were umbrellas and bicycles affected on Wednesday?

4. What are people wearing today?

5. What are meteorologists saying about next week?

Vocabulary: Weather Expressions

Match the phrases (1-5) with their meaning (A-E):

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| 1. It's pouring | A. A soft wind is blowing |
| 2. The sun came out | B. The sky cleared, and the sun is visible |
| 3. There's a breeze | C. There's a lot of wind |
| 4. It's snowing | D. Heavy rain is falling |
| 5. Strong winds | E. Frozen water is falling from the sky |
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Exercise 2 – Fill in the gaps with the correct weather word or phrase:

Options: cloudy – thunderstorm – raining – freezing – sunny

1. It's very _____ today. Don't forget your sunglasses!
 2. Be careful, it's _____ outside. The roads are icy.
 3. A big _____ is coming. I saw lightning!
 4. It was _____ earlier, but now it's clear.
 5. Take an umbrella, it's _____.
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Grammar Review: Present Simple vs. Present Continuous

◆ Explanation:

Present Simple

Facts and routines

She **walks** to school every day.

It **rains** a lot in April.

Present Continuous

Actions happening now or around now

She **is walking** to school **right now**.

It **is raining** today.

 Signal words:

- **Present Simple:** always, usually, often, never, every day
 - **Present Continuous:** now, right now, at the moment, currently
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Grammar Practice

Exercise 1 – Choose the correct form (Present Simple or Present Continuous):

1. She usually (walks / is walking) to work.
 2. Right now, it (rains / is raining).
 3. They (eat / are eating) dinner at the moment.
 4. He often (play / plays) tennis on weekends.
 5. I (study / am studying) English now.
 6. My sister (wears / is wearing) jeans today.
 7. We always (go / are going) to the beach in summer.
 8. Look! The dog (runs / is running).
 9. It rarely (snow / snows) here.
 10. They (travel / are traveling) in Europe this month.
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Exercise 2 – Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb (Present Simple or Present Continuous):

1. She _____ (read) a book now.
2. My parents _____ (live) in Spain.
3. Look! It _____ (snow)!
4. Tom usually _____ (get up) at 7 a.m.

5. I _____ (not understand) this exercise.
6. Where _____ you _____ (go)?
7. The sun _____ (shine) today.
8. We _____ (have) lunch at the moment.
9. Sarah _____ (not work) today.
10. My friends _____ (visit) me every Saturday.