

Weather

I can describe the weather.

1 Do the weather quiz in pairs. Then check your answers at the bottom of the page.

Weather QUIZ

1 What shape is a **raindrop** before it starts falling?

a



b



c



2 What makes the sound of **thunder**?

a

a cloud

b

rain

c

lightning

3 You see lightning and then hear thunder six seconds later.
How far away is the **storm**?

a

2 km

b

3 km

c

6 km

4 You only get **foggy** weather when

a

the air is cold.

b

it is **rainy**.

c

you are near the ocean.

5 You only get **hail** when

a

it is **windy**.

b

there are **storm clouds**.

c

there is no **sunshine**.

6 In what direction does an 'east **wind**' blow?

a

towards the east →

b

towards the west ←

7 What is the maximum time a **snowflake** takes to reach the ground?

a

a minute

b

five minutes

c

twenty minutes

d

an hour

8 When you are facing a rainbow, the **sun** is always

a

in front of you.

b

behind you.

c

to one side.

- 2 **VOCABULARY** Complete the table with the highlighted words from the quiz in exercise 1. What do you notice about the way the adjectives are formed?

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Noun	Adjective	Verb	Related words and phrases
1	cloudy		rain clouds 2
fog	3		
frost	frosty		frostbite
4		hail	hail storm
ice	icy		
5			flash of lightning
mist	misty		
6	7	rain	8
shower	showery		rain shower
snow	snowy	snow	9
10	stormy		thunderstorm
11	sunny	(the sun) shines	12
13	thundery	to thunder	clap / crash of thunder
14	15	(the wind) blows	

- 3 **SPEAKING** In pairs, ask and answer the questions (1–4) below. Use words and phrases from exercise 2 and the words below.

Describing temperature

It's minus ten. It's 35 degrees (Celsius). It's below zero. It's freezing / cold / cool / mild / warm / hot / sweltering.

- What is the weather like today?
- What is it usually like in December?
- What is it usually like in August?
- Do you prefer rainy, snowy or icy weather? Why?

- 4 **1.34** Listen to five weather reports (1–5). Match three of them with the photos (A–C).

1 2 3 4 5



RECYCLE! *a few, a little, not much / many, a lot of*

Remember: we use *a few*, *not many* or *a lot of* with plural (countable) nouns.

a few thunderstorms

We use *a little*, *not much* or *a lot of* with uncountable nouns.

a little snow

- 5 **1.34** Read the **Recycle!** box. Then listen again and complete these sentences from the weather reports.

Report 1

1 It's -10°C and there's _____ everywhere.

2 We're expecting _____ this afternoon.

Report 2

3 There is _____ on the ground.

4 There isn't _____ but the wind is blowing the snow into my face.

Report 3

5 There's _____ on the grass after a cold night.

6 There aren't _____ in the sky.

Report 4

7 There's _____ in people's gardens.

8 There's _____ on the pavements.

Report 5

9 There were _____ and it was windy too.

10 Now there's _____ and the wind is extremely strong.

- 6 In pairs, invent a weather report. Use the prompts below to help you plan it.

- What type of weather?
- Temperature?
- What can you see? (snow, ice, clouds, etc.)

- 7 **SPEAKING** Present your weather report to the class.

Here in Birmingham, there's a strong wind blowing from the north.