

Putting words together...



- ▶ When there is a lot of bright light, we say the **sun is shining**, and when you feel the air around you move, we say the **wind is blowing**.
- ▶ A **clear sky** or a **blue sky** is a sky with no clouds.
- ▶ The **weather improves** when it stops raining or gets warmer and when it starts raining or gets colder, we say the weather **gets worse**.
- ▶ **Heavy rain** or **heavy snow** is when a lot of rain or snow falls at the same time, and **light rain** or **light snow** is when only a little rain or snow falls.
- ▶ In certain parts of the world, the **rainy season** is the part of the year when it rains a lot, and the **dry season** is the part of the year when there is no rain.

Describing the weather



To describe the weather at a later time, say:

- ▶ **It's going to rain this afternoon.**
- ▶ **The weather is going to improve later this week.**

To ask someone to describe the weather, say:

- ▶ **What's the weather like?**
- ▶ **What was the weather like when you were there?**

Exercise 4

Match the statements and questions (1–7) with the replies (a–g).

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| 1 What's the weather like today? | a No, it's going to be dry all day. |
| 2 What's the weather like in your part of the country? | b Yes, I know. Did you see the lightning? |
| 3 Will I need my warm coat? | c It's very wet for three months of the year and dry the rest of the year. |
| 4 Is it going to rain this afternoon? | d Only if the weather improves. |
| 5 We could go out for a walk later. | e Yes, there's a very cold wind blowing. |
| 6 There was an incredible storm last night. | f No, it's going to get worse. There's going to be heavy rain all week. |
| 7 Is the weather going to improve soon? | g The sun is shining and there's a beautiful clear sky. |

Exercise 5



These people are describing the weather in their country. Complete the sentences. Listen and check.

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| 1 The <u>rainy season</u> lasts for four months and during that time it rains all the time, day and night. | 6 It's very _____ in the winter so we do a lot of skiing. Sometimes, the snow is so _____ that it is difficult to get out of the house. |
| 2 We get a lot of storms during the summer months – the thunder and _____ can be incredible. | |
| 3 In the summer, the sky is completely clear – there are no _____ at all. | |
| 4 It gets cold in the winter. When you get up in the morning, there's _____ all over the car. | |
| 5 It's quite cold in the winter and sometimes we get some _____ snow, but only one or two centimetres. | |



Use the words you've learned...

Describe the weather today. Then describe the weather in the place where you live or a place that you have visited.