Unit 13



climate

EXERCISE 1

Below are ways to describe the wind, the sky and the rain, under various weather conditions. Sort them into three categories:

drizzle	dull	breeze	overcast	spitting	gale force	grey
torrent	blue	strong	cool	pouring	shower	clear
downpour	northerly	bright				

wind	sky	rain

EXERCISE 2

Rain words

Match the following words with their definitions on the right:

1 drizzle ☐ snow mixed with rain

2 shower ☐ fine, steady rain

3 sleet ☐ frozen rain falling in a shower

4 downpour ☐ brief fall of rain

5 hail ☐ heavy fall of rain

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EXERCISE 3

What weather conditions would you expect in the following places? Think about temperature, rainfall and seasonal changes.

The Tropics	
The Arctic Circle	

EXERCISE 4

☞ The type of living accommodation you have is to a great extent dictated by the climate of the place in which you live.

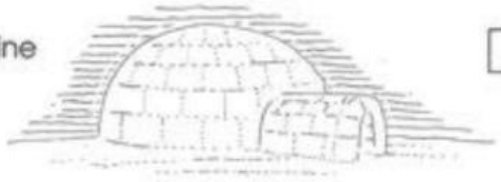
Match the types of housing below with the conditions they are built to endure:

1 Danger of earthquakes ☐ Igloos

2 Very low temperatures ☐ Houses built on stilts (legs)

3 Areas prone to flooding ☐ Low, squat houses with deep foundations

4 Fierce sunshine ☐ Houses painted white









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EXERCISE 5

Extreme weather conditions

Identify the definition which corresponds to the following words:

1 hurricane	2 flood	3 gale	4 monsoon

- ☐ Very high winds, very dangerous for ships at sea
- ☐ Very high winds and storms causing lots of damage to buildings etc.
- ☐ Heavy rain at certain times of the year – a phenomenon of humid, tropical climates
- ☐ High rainfall causing rivers to burst their banks and roads to disappear under water

EXERCISE 6

Do you know the names of the colours of the rainbow? Decipher them from the anagrams below (e.g. colour 6 is INDIGO):

1) D R E _____

2) R N G O A E _____

3) L E O W L Y _____

4) E R G N E _____

5) U B E L _____

6) O D G I N I _____

7) L V O I T E _____

EXERCISE 7

wait; await; expect

Choose the correct word from the choice of three above to complete these sentences:

1 According to the weather report, we can _____ rain later in the day.

2 It's too windy now but if you _____ until later, we'll be able to go water-skiing.

3 We all took shelter and settled down to _____ the arrival of the storm.

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EXERCISE 8

Fill in the gaps using the words in the box:

heatwave	barometer	damp	typhoon	dry
blizzard	variable	Celsius	acclimatise	

1 People who travel a lot might have to _____ themselves to _____ weather conditions. If one was to visit Athens in the middle of summer, one might experience a _____ if the temperature were 45° _____ .

2 A _____ might help someone to judge probable changes in the weather but not many people travel with one.

3 People spending their holidays in the Western Pacific might be unfortunate enough to get caught in a _____ making their stay rather catastrophic.

4 Visiting friends in Western Canada in winter might mean getting caught in a _____ making one unable to leave because of the snow and ice on the roads.

5 Someone who has arthritis might avoid travelling to places which are _____ because it makes their bones hurt. They might prefer to visit places which are quite _____ like the Sahara desert.



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