

## Vocabulary

1 Read the text and decide which answer (a, b or c) best fits each gap.

Hi Jacques,

I'm writing this postcard in Meghalaya in India! It's the wettest place in the world – it gets a lot of (0) a! Yesterday when we arrived it was hot and (1) \_\_\_\_\_. We were told that the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ was 32°C. This morning, when I looked out of my window I couldn't see anything because there was (3) \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere – it was like the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ disappeared during the night! It was beautiful, but also a little (5) \_\_\_\_\_. This afternoon we are going to Shillong. It's hot and quite (6) \_\_\_\_\_ outdoors now, so we will probably get a few (7) \_\_\_\_\_. That's very (8) \_\_\_\_\_ here. That's OK. We want to see Ward's (9) \_\_\_\_\_. I don't think we'll swim there, but we can feed the fish. Oh Jacques, what a country – there's music everywhere, music made by the thousands of (10) \_\_\_\_\_ – birds and insects – that live in this strange and wonderful place!

Bye for now!

Raj

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|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 0 a rain       | b rainy        | c foggy       |
| 1 a frosty     | b sunny        | c snowy       |
| 2 a desert     | b thunder      | c temperature |
| 3 a sun        | b mist         | c wind        |
| 4 a ground     | b earthquake   | c thunder     |
| 5 a weird      | b stormy       | c common      |
| 6 a frosty     | b snowy        | c cloudy      |
| 7 a deserts    | b flashes      | c showers     |
| 8 a sunny      | b common       | c stormy      |
| 9 a Desert     | b Thunderstorm | c Lake        |
| 10 a creatures | b showers      | c flashes     |

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**2 Match the words with their definitions.**

- 0** beach f  
**1** desert \_\_\_\_\_  
**2** ice \_\_\_\_\_  
**3** lightning \_\_\_\_\_  
**4** shower \_\_\_\_\_  
**5** mountain \_\_\_\_\_  
**6** creature \_\_\_\_\_  
**7** thunder \_\_\_\_\_  
**8** forest \_\_\_\_\_  
**9** earthquake \_\_\_\_\_  
**10** ground \_\_\_\_\_

- a** a living thing (animal, insect)  
**b** a very high place  
**c** a big flash of light during a storm  
**d** a place with lots of trees  
**e** when it rains for a short time  
**f** the land near the sea  
**g** the floor under your feet  
**h** frozen water  
**i** place where it doesn't often rain  
**j** the sound we hear after a flash of lightning  
**k** when the ground shakes

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**3 Use the words in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.**

- 0** It's misty over the mountains in the early morning. **MIST**  
**1** It's very \_\_\_\_\_ outside; it's going to rain. **CLOUD**  
**2** It's \_\_\_\_\_; I can't see the ground! **FOG**  
**3** Tomorrow, we'll have a hot \_\_\_\_\_ day. **SUN**  
**4** In the south of England, it will be a \_\_\_\_\_ night. **FROST**  
**5** It's often wet and \_\_\_\_\_ in the north of Canada. **STORM**  
**6** What a horrible \_\_\_\_\_ day – we can't go out. **RAIN**  
**7** It's so \_\_\_\_\_ that my papers flew all over the garden. **WIND**  
**8** The mountains were \_\_\_\_\_ and the river was frozen. **SNOW**

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## Grammar

**1 Choose the correct word.**

- 0** The / **A** sky is dark today. I think it's going to rain.  
**1** Brazil is **a** / **an** country in South America.  
**2** I hope there aren't **some** / **any** strange creatures under my bed!  
**3** The animals in the Galapagos Islands **are** / **is** weird!  
**4** Don't you think the platypus is **the** / **an** amazing animal?  
**5** I have **some** / **a** knowledge of Australian history, but not much.  
**6** I would love to see **the** / **a** River Amazon.  
**7** Oh, no! I've lost **any** / **the** money for the tickets!

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