

The weather and climate

1 Complete the sentences with the correct nouns describing the weather. The first letters have been given.

- 1 Driving was dangerous for a while because you couldn't see much of the road ahead. Then suddenly the f__ lifted.
- 2 There was a f_____ last night and I am worried about the plants in the garden. I hope they haven't died.
- 3 It's only a s_____. We can go out and eat in the garden again in a couple of minutes.
- 4 The pavements were covered with i__ today and my mum nearly fell over.
- 5 There's a s_____ coming. Make sure you don't leave any windows open.
- 6 There were so many c_____ that we couldn't see the sun all day.
- 7 The t_____ that came with the storm was very loud and it scared the dog.
- 8 Children love the s_____, but their parents don't! They have to dig a way through it.
- 9 If there's l_____ when you're out for a walk, do not shelter under a tree!

3 Complete the pairs of sentences with the correct words. Use the correct form of the verbs.

1 climate / weather

- A We had to study the _____ of different countries in our geography lessons.
- B What's the _____ going to be like at the weekend?

2 fall / reach / drop / rise

- A The temperature _____ quickly yesterday and it _____ 34 degrees in the sun.
- B The temperature always _____ down in the evening and last night it _____ to minus five.

3 cool off / warm up

- A You must be cold! Come in and _____.
- B We were really hot and had to _____ in the pool.

4 freezing / chilly

- A The evening wasn't as cold as in winter, but it was really _____, so we needed to dress up warm.
- B It was _____ last night, so we put on thick coats, scarves and gloves!

5 mild / humid

- A It's been a _____ winter so far, with no snow and hardly any frosts.
- B It was very _____ when we were on holiday and the air conditioning didn't work! Yuck!

COLLOCATIONS

4 Complete the sentences with the correct words in the box.

light thick heavy overcast dry bitterly
torrential baking scattered gale-force

- 1 The footballers continued to play in spite of the _____ rain.
- 2 You expect _____ rain in some tropical countries, but not here.
- 3 It was _____ hot and I couldn't stay on the beach.
- 4 The forecast said there would be _____ showers across the region during the morning, but a lot of sunshine between them.
- 5 It's _____ cold outside, so dress up warm.
- 6 My dad doesn't like driving when there's _____ fog.
- 7 The _____ skies made us think that it was going to pour with rain any moment.
- 8 When it's very hot, a _____ breeze makes it bearable.
- 9 Several trees were blown down in the _____ winds.
- 10 After the rain, we'll have a _____ spell for a few days.

Circle the odd one out.

1. urban	humid	picturesque	rural	rocky
2. foggy	rainy	windy	cloudy	snowing
3. severe	mountainous	mild	tropical	wet
4. downpour	rain	frost	drizzle	shower
5. mosquito	bee	fly	hare	butterfly
6. eagle	stork	wasp	pigeon	swan
7. tulip	oak	daisy	poppy	daffodil
8. rabbit	lizard	giraffe	seal	wolf
9. hamster	seagull	tortoise	dog	guinea pig
10. cock	hen	goat	goose	fox