

5  1.32 Complete gaps 1–6 with the words below. Listen and check.

boiling (hot) cool chilly degrees
freezing (cold) minus

Vocabulary B Temperature

1

hot

warm

mild

2

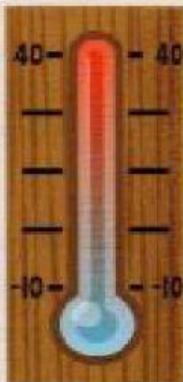
cold

3

4

It's 35⁵

It's⁶ 10 today.



We can say: *It's boiling hot* or *It's boiling*,
It's freezing cold or *It's freezing*.

6  1.34 Match the sentences with the words from the Vocabulary C box. Listen and check.

Vocabulary C Natural disasters

avalanche drought earthquake flood
hurricane tsunami

- 1 The water is going into the houses. People are moving upstairs. _____
- 2 There's a lot of snow and it's coming down the mountain very quickly. _____
- 3 People are hungry. They can't grow plants because the ground is dry and hard. _____
- 4 The building is shaking. _____
- 5 The beach is empty. People are going into the mountains before the wave arrives. _____
- 6 It's very windy and it's raining. Everybody is inside and the doors and windows are closed. _____

Venezuela's Special Storms



You might find storms fascinating or frightening. But can they be positive? If you live in Venezuela, your answer may be: yes! In 1595 a storm in Venezuela **saved** the country. How **did** that **happen**? Foreign sailors **wanted** to attack but they **saw** strange lightning. It **looked** pinkish-orange, so they **didn't know** what it was. They **felt** scared. In the bright light of the storm, soldiers on land **spotted** the ships.

This **took place** over Lake Maracaibo on the Catatumbo River. It is an area famous for its special storms. Long ago, sailors **used** a storm in the same way as a lighthouse, to help them find their way. The geography of the high mountains by the lake **meant** that storms **didn't move** but **stayed** in the same place. Nowadays Lake Maracaibo holds a Guinness World Record as the place with the most lightning bolts per square kilometre.



Change the regular verbs to the affirmative (✓) to make true sentences.

- 1 The Catatumbo storm didn't happen in Venezuela in 1595.
The Catatumbo storm happened in Venezuela in 1595.
- 2 The lightning didn't scare the foreign sailors.
- 3 The storms didn't help many sailors to find their way.
- 4 The lightning didn't appear in the same place again and again.

Change the irregular verbs to the negative (✗) to make true sentences.

- 1 The sailors **saw** green lightning.
The sailors didn't see green lightning.
- 2 The sailors **felt** excited about the storm.
- 3 Sailors **thought** the Catatumbo storms **were** normal.
- 4 The storms **took place** over the sea.