

# 15 Weather conditions

## A Normal weather

Word	Example	Meaning
<b>pour (with rain)</b>	<i>It's <b>pouring</b> (with rain) outside!</i>	rain a lot
<b>shower</b>	<i>We had a <b>heavy shower</b> this morning.</i>	rain for a short period of time, which can be <b>heavy</b> (= a lot) or <b>light</b> (= a little)
<b>rainfall</b>	<i><b>Rainfall</b> is low in the summer.</i>	the total amount of rain in a place over a period of time
<b>the cold</b>	<i>I hate <b>the cold</b>.</i>	cold weather
<b>freezing</b>	<i>It was <b>freezing</b> (cold) yesterday.</i>	very cold
<b>thunder and lightning</b>	<i>We had a lot of <b>thunder and lightning</b> during the storm.</i>	a loud noise in the sky when there is a storm, and then a sudden bright light in the sky
<b>sunshine</b>	<i>We sat outside in the <b>sunshine</b>.</i>	the light and heat from the sun
<b>fog</b>	<i>There was <b>thick fog</b> on the motorway this morning.</i>	<b>Fog</b> is cloud close to the ground which is difficult to see through. <b>Thick fog</b> is very difficult to see through. <b>foggy</b> <i>adj</i>
<b>mild</b>	<i>This has been a very <b>mild</b> winter.</i>	not very cold, and therefore pleasant
<b>horrible</b>	<i>The weather has been <b>horrible</b> this week.</i>	very bad or unpleasant SYN <b>dreadful, awful, terrible</b>

### 1 Tick the wet weather conditions.

► rainfall ☒ sunshine ☐ foggy ☐ pouring ☐ cloudy ☐ shower ☐ freezing ☐ mild ☐

### 2 Match 1–6 with a–g.

- don't like c
- |            |       |              |
|------------|-------|--------------|
| 1 thick    | ..... | a weather    |
| 2 a heavy  | ..... | b with rain  |
| 3 horrible | ..... | c the cold ✓ |
| 4 freezing | ..... | d cold       |
| 5 a mild   | ..... | e shower     |
| 6 pour     | ..... | f fog        |
|            |       | g day        |

### 3 Complete the words in the texts.

- When I woke up it was quite cloudy but ► mild, for the time of year. Then on the way to work, it suddenly got very dark and we had some t..... and I....., and it started p..... with r..... I got really wet.
- Yesterday was fantastic. It was incredibly hot, and we had about ten hours of s.....
- We've had d..... weather this week. It's been so f..... in the morning that you could hardly see, followed by heavy s..... almost every day, and f..... cold as well.

### 4 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY Write your answers, or talk to another student.

- When do you get the heaviest rainfall? .....
- Do you get a lot of sunshine? If so, when? .....
- Is spring generally cold or mild? .....
- Do you get much fog? If so, when? .....
- Is it often freezing cold? If so, when? And do you like the cold? .....



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## B Extreme weather



These natural disasters occur quite regularly in certain parts of the world.

**Hurricane<sup>1</sup>:** a sudden and violent storm with very strong winds, which often destroys buildings and brings down branches and trees.

**Flood<sup>2</sup>:** too much water, often the result of heavy rain, which floods the land and damages roads, bridges, buildings, etc.

**Tidal wave<sup>3</sup>:** a very large ocean wave, often caused by an extreme storm or earthquake, which destroys things when it reaches land.

**Drought<sup>4</sup>:** a long period with no rain. Crops die, and people may starve to death.

### GLOSSARY

<b>disaster</b>	sth very bad that happens causing harm or death
<b>occur</b>	happen
<b>regularly</b>	If sth happens <b>regularly</b> , it happens again and again with the same amount of time in between.
<b>sudden</b>	happening very quickly <b>suddenly</b> <i>adv</i>
<b>violent</b>	very strong and usually causing damage
<b>destroy</b>	break sth completely so it cannot be used again
	<b>destruction</b> <i>n</i>
<b>branch</b>	one of the parts of a tree that grow out from the thick main part
<b>damage</b>	break or harm sth <b>damage</b> <i>n</i>
<b>extreme</b>	very great or strong
<b>earthquake</b>	a sudden strong movement of the ground, which often opens up
<b>crops</b>	plants that are grown for food, e.g. <i>rice, potatoes</i>
<b>starve (to death)</b>	die because you do not have enough food to eat

- 5 Is the pronunciation of the underlined sounds the same or different? Write S or D.  
Use the **app** to help you. Practise saying the words.

► flood / moon

D

1 crop / occur

4 violent / tidal

7 damage / branch

2 occur / earthquake

5 drought / bought

8 disaster / regularly

3 disaster / starve

6 drought / out

9 flood / destruction

- 6 Match 1–5 with a–f.

► disaster

d

1 flood

a a long period of very dry weather

2 tidal wave

b sudden movement of the ground

3 drought

c very strong winds

4 earthquake

d a very bad thing that causes harm or death ✓

5 hurricane

e a very large movement in the ocean

f become filled or covered with water

- 7 Complete the texts.

► When the tidal wave reached land, it was over ten metres high.

1 48 hours of heavy rain has brought more \_\_\_\_\_ to the south-west of England. Many roads have been badly \_\_\_\_\_ and winds have also brought down \_\_\_\_\_ and entire trees. Two bridges have been completely \_\_\_\_\_ and will need to be rebuilt.

2 With no rain for months, the \_\_\_\_\_ in Ethiopia is the worst for ten years. Food is in short supply because most of the \_\_\_\_\_ have died, and now tens of thousands of people are \_\_\_\_\_ and could die unless help arrives very soon. It is one of the worst natural \_\_\_\_\_ in living memory.

3 We are getting reports of a violent earthquake in Western China. It \_\_\_\_\_ without warning, has caused a huge amount of \_\_\_\_\_ and has completely \_\_\_\_\_ whole villages.

4 California is experiencing more \_\_\_\_\_ weather conditions. After the recent floods, a \_\_\_\_\_ storm is now reaching the west coast of the state. It is accompanied by winds of over 100mph. Weather experts say that these \_\_\_\_\_ are now occurring \_\_\_\_\_: at least one a year over the past ten years.



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