1 Do the weather quiz in pairs. Then check your answers at the bottom of the page.

Weather QUIZ

1 What shape is a raindrop before it starts falling?

a   b   c

2 What makes the sound of thunder?
- **a** a cloud
- **b** rain
- **c** lightning

3 You see lightning and then hear thunder six seconds later. How far away is the storm?
- **a** 2 km
- **b** 3 km
- **c** 6 km

4 You only get foggy weather when
- **a** the air is cold.
- **b** it is rainy.
- **c** you are near the ocean.

5 You only get hail when
- **a** it is windy.
- **b** there are storm clouds.
- **c** there is no sunshine.

6 In what direction does an 'east wind' blow?
- **a** towards the east →
- **b** towards the west ←

7 What is the maximum time a snowflake takes to reach the ground?
- **a** a minute
- **b** five minutes
- **c** twenty minutes
- **d** an hour

8 When you are facing a rainbow, the sun is always
- **a** in front of you.
- **b** behind you.
- **c** to one side.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 VOCABULARY Complete the table with the highlighted words from the quiz in exercise 1. What do you notice about the way the adjectives are formed?

Weather			
Noun	**Adjective**	**Verb**	**Related words and phrases**
1	cloudy		rain clouds 2
fog	3		
frost	frosty		frostbite
4		hail	hail storm
ice	icy		
5			flash of lightning
mist	misty		
6	7	rain	8
shower	showery		rain shower
snow	snowy	snow	9
10	stormy		thunderstorm
11	sunny	(the sun) shines	12
13	thundery	to thunder	clap / crash of thunder
14	15	(the wind) blows	

3 SPEAKING In pairs, ask and answer the questions (1–4) below. Use words and phrases from exercise 2 and the words below.
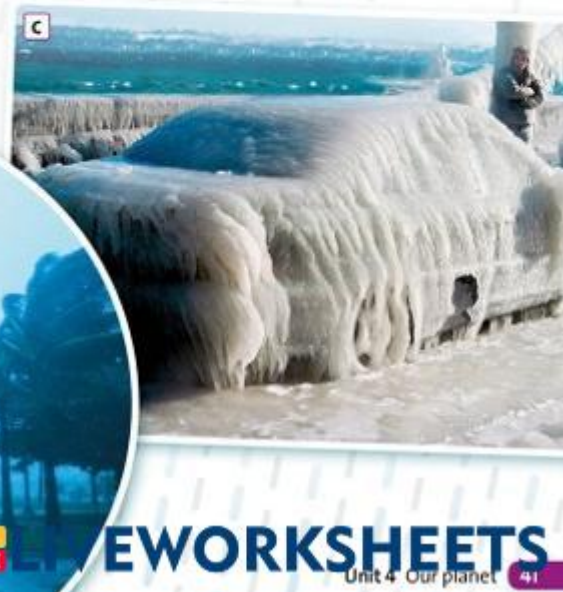
Describing temperature

It's minus ten.   It's 35 degrees (Celsius).   It's below zero.
It's freezing / cold / cool / mild / warm / hot / sweltering.

1 What is the weather like today?
2 What is it usually like in December?
3 What is it usually like in August?
4 Do you prefer rainy, snowy or icy weather? Why?

4 🎧1.34 Listen to five weather reports (1–5). Match three of them with the photos (A–C).

1 __   2 __   3 __   4 __   5 __

RECYCLE! *a few, a little, not much / many, a lot of*

Remember: we use *a few, not many* or *a lot of* with plural (countable) nouns.

a few thunderstorms

We use *a little, not much* or *a lot of* with uncountable nouns.

a little snow

5 🎧1.34 Read the Recycle! box. Then listen again and complete these sentences from the weather reports.

Report 1
1 It's –10°C and there's _____ everywhere.
2 We're expecting _____ this afternoon.

Report 2
3 There is _____ on the ground.
4 There isn't _____ but the wind is blowing the snow into my face.

Report 3
5 There's _____ on the grass after a cold night.
6 There aren't _____ in the sky.

Report 4
7 There's _____ in people's gardens.
8 There's _____ on the pavements.

Report 5
9 There were _____ and it was windy too.
10 Now there's _____ and the wind is extremely strong.

6 In pairs, invent a weather report. Use the prompts below to help you plan it.

- What type of weather?
- Temperature?
- What can you see? (snow, ice, clouds, etc.)

7 SPEAKING Present your weather report to the class.

Here in Birmingham, there's a strong wind blowing from the north.