

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

dry freezing ice showers thunderstorm wet

1 Be careful on your bike today. It's very cold and the water on the road is solid _____.

2 The desert is hot and very _____ because there isn't much rain.

3 There are _____ in many areas this morning, so take your umbrellas.

4 We're stopping our field hockey game because a _____ is coming. Look, the sky is black!

5 Temperatures are below _____ in many parts of the country, with snow in some places.

6 There's a lot of rain in the north today. The _____ weather is good for plants but not for people who want to go outside.

2 Choose the correct option.

The weather in my city

I live in Toronto, Canada, and from June to September the weather is warm and 1 sunny/sun. In the winter, it's usually very cold and 2 wind/windy, with a lot of snow and 3 frosty/frost. 4 Ice/icy on the road can be dangerous for people traveling by car.

Sometimes there's 5 fog/foggy in the winter, but not often. Toronto is often 6 cloud/cloudy, and November is the cloudiest month of the year. Sometimes we don't see the sun for a whole month!

3 Complete the sentences with two words from the box to make compound nouns.

back book bottle brush hair jacket pack
paste phrase tooth water waterproof

The most important thing to take on a trip

A dictionary is useful when you're in a different country, but a 1 _____ is better because it has complete expressions. – *Jake*

I always take a 2 _____ because it's important to drink a lot when you're traveling. – *Lisa*

I have very long hair, so I always take a

3 _____ on my trips. – *Jenny*

We like going camping so a 4 _____ is important to carry our things. It's better than a suitcase. – *Ben*

I think a toothbrush is the most important because you need to brush your teeth. But don't forget the 5 _____! – *Ren*

I always take a 6 _____ for when it rains. I don't want to get wet! – *Marie*

4 Choose the correct answers to complete the dialogue.

Mary What are you doing, Nancy?

Nancy I'm 1 _____, but I can't find my shoes.

Mary Do you want your boots? They're here next to the sofa.

Nancy No, I'm doing 2 _____ this morning. I'm looking for my 3 _____. I can't run without them.

Mary Can I come in? Wow! You need to 4 _____ your room! Look, there they are in the corner.

Nancy Thanks!

Mary Are you just wearing a 5 _____ and shorts? It's 6 _____ outside! You need to wear something warmer!

Nancy I'm wearing my pants on top and a coat. What are you doing this morning?

Mary I'm doing 7 _____ here, inside in a warm house!

1 a getting dressed
b making my bed
c waking up

2 a track and field b surfing c soccer
3 a leggings b sandals c sneakers
4 a make b clean c brush
5 a sunglasses b T-shirt c tights
6 a freezing b cloudy c foggy
7 a roller-skating b ping-pong c yoga

Grammar

5 Write complete sentences with the correct form of the comparative adjective.

1 basketball players are / tall / than soccer players

2 in the USA, July is / hot / than February

3 eating in a restaurant is / expensive / than cooking at home

4 the weather in Scotland is / bad / than the weather in Mexico

5 traveling by bike is / cheap / than traveling by train

6 Complete the text with the correct comparative or superlative form of the adjective in parentheses.

Young people spend their free time doing different things. But what's 1 _____ (good) way to spend free time – reading books, watching TV or playing sports?

Watching TV is 2 _____ (cheap) than reading books and 3 _____ (easy) than playing sports. For some people, reading is 4 _____ (interesting) activity of all three because you can learn new things. Playing sports is better for you than sitting down reading or watching TV, but sitting down is 5 _____ (comfortable) than running around outside!

7 Choose the correct answers to complete the dialogue.

Betty Hi Alan. I have a question. 1 _____ use your cell phones in class?

Alan No, we 2 _____. We 3 _____ give our phones to the teacher at the beginning of the lesson. What about you?

Betty We 4 _____ have them in class, that's OK, but we 5 _____ use them when the teacher is speaking, that's not possible. Our phones 6 _____ always be in our bags –

that's the rule. In some classes we

7 _____ use them if we want, but only to look for words or information. But of course, we

8 _____ look at social media or send text messages. The teacher doesn't like that!

1 a Do you can b Can you c Must you

2 a must b can c can't

3 a can b must c mustn't

4 a can b must c can't

5 a can b mustn't c must

6 a mustn't b can c must

7 a can b must c can't

8 a can b must c mustn't

8 Choose the correct option to complete the text.

Jim's Gym –

the 1 best/better gym in town!

Do you want to join a gym? Do you like

2 going /go swimming? Then join Jim's Gym.

We're 3 cheaper/more cheap than most other gyms and we have a swimming pool!

4 When/Where are we open?

We usually open from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm but

this week we 5're opening/can open at 6:00

am!

You can go to the gym every day –

6 it/he's open seven days a week.

Our only rule: You 7 must/can bring a towel!

Visit our website for more information.

Reading

Come to Arica – but leave your umbrella at home!

Do you know that the Dry Valleys of Antarctica have no rain at all, and scientists study this area because it is similar to the planet Mars? But the driest city on the planet is Arica, in the north of Chile. It's a great place if you don't like rain because it receives only one or two millimeters of rain a year.

There are hardly ever any clouds over Arica, and the reason it is so dry is because it is close to the Atacama Desert. In some parts of the desert, there are no plants at all.

Arica is the most northern city in Chile. Many American students come here to do short courses to learn Spanish. It has some of the best beaches in the country, and the temperature of the water is ideal for swimming and surfing.

Travel south and the water is too cold to swim in because it's nearer to Antarctica.

Chile is not a cheap country to travel in, but Arica is one of the cheapest places in the country. Also, the people here are very friendly and no one worries about rain!

9 Read the article quickly. Then answer the questions.

1 What is the article about?

a a city in Chile b the weather in Chile

2 The article is

a positive about Arica. b negative about Arica.

10 Read the text again. Are the sentences T (true) or F (false)?

1 Arica is the driest place in the world.

T/F

2 Scientists go to Arica to learn about life on another planet.

T/F

3 Arica is near to a desert.

T/F

4 In some areas of the Atacama Desert, plants don't grow.

T/F

5 Arica is popular with people who want to study.

T/F

6 The water in the south is warmer than in the north.

T/F

7 The beaches are good in this part of Chile.

T/F

8 Most places in Chile are cheaper than Arica.

T/F

11 Find words in the text that mean the same as 1–3.

1 in the north of a country _____

2 perfect _____

3 almost never _____

Speaking

12 Complete the dialogue with one word in each blank.

Ann Why 1 _____ we go to the shopping center?

Tom Good 2 _____. What time does it open?

Ann At 10:00. Tom How 3 _____ taking the train?

Ann Really? That's too expensive. 4 _____ take the 9:00 bus.

Tom OK. Fine. Do we need to take anything?

Ann I'm not 5 _____. Maybe we should take some bags?

Tom Yes, and money!