SEASONS AND WEATHER

Exercise 1. Study the following vocabulary.

1. to keep fine – оставаться хорошей
2. to keep fit – оставаться в форме to keep well – не болеть
3. to keep silent – молчать to keep quiet / still – не шевелиться to keep one's looks – не подурнеть, оставаться красивым to keep one's figure – не располнеть
4. dull – 1) пасмурный What dull weather we are having! What a dull morning! Syn. overcast It was a depressing overcast winter morning. The sky is overcast this morning, but the sun is supposed to come out by late afternoon. Syn. cloudy It may look cloudy in the morning, but the sun always comes out by afternoon. Ant. bright = clear On a clear night you can see a lot of stars. 2) скучный
5. fog (n.) Syn. boring, tedious Ant. interesting, entertaining We couldn't see the bridge because there was too much fog. Syn. mist, haze – (лёгкий) туман; дымка; мгла a thick / dense / heavy fog = a thick / heavy mist a light mist foggy (adj.)
6. smog The morning was cold and foggy. You really notice the smog downtown in this type of humidity.
7. to spread (spread, spread) over – распространяться, простираться A light mist spread over the river.
8. beastly – ужасный, противный Syn. nasty
9. frost (n.) frosty (adj.) to freeze (froze, frozen) What beastly weather we are having! The frost is severe in Siberia. Some flowers are so strong they can withstand frost. It is very frosty. It is freezing hard. The river / lake is frozen over.
10. hard (adj.) – сильный, холодный, суровый (о погоде и т. п.) a hard frost Syn. heavy There is a hard rain / snowfall outside. – There's a heavy rain / snowfall outside. a hard life – тяжелая (трудная) жизнь But: a heavy bag – тяжелая сумка to be hard on smb. / smth. – быть суровым по отношению к кому-то / чему-то. He was too hard on her, I'm afraid. hard (adj.) – сильно, резко, интенсивно (о погоде, ветре, дожде) Syn. heavily It's raining / snowing hard = It's raining / snowing heavily.

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11. to sparkle – искриться; сверкать Syn. to shine – светить(ся); блестеть, сиять, сверкать to glimmer – мерцать; тускло светить; блеснуть, мелькнуть to glisten – искриться; сиять; блестеть, сверкать to glitter – блестеть, сверкать.
12. icicle (n.) – сосулька Icicles sparkle in the sun.
13. thaw (n.) – оттепель; таяние to thaw – таять; оттаивать Syn. to melt When the snow melts, the ground is covered with slush.
14. slush (n.) – грязь, слякоть; жижа; снеговая каша The snow turned to slush as soon as it started to rain. slushy (adj.) – покрытый грязью; слякотный.
15. degree (n.) I don't feel the heat until it's about forty degrees Celsius outside. It was minus twenty degrees at the top of the hill.

Exercise 2.

Asking for an opinion: Well? What do you think? Do/Don't you agree? What's your view (then)?/How do you see it (then)?/ Let's have your opinion/ What's your opinion of…?

Expressing your own opinion: I think that In my opinion In my view/ I feel that/ My view is that/ To my mind…

Exercise 3. Memorize the following proverbs.

Exercise 2. Comment on the following proverbs and illustrate their meaning. 1. If there were no clouds, we should not enjoy the sun - Если бы не было облаков, мы бы не любили солнца. Ср. Чем ночь темнее, тем ярче звезды.

2. Small rain lays great dust - Небольшой дождь густую пыль прибивает. Ср. Мал, да удал. Мал золотник, да дорог.

3. As welcome as a storm - Нужен, как собаке пятая нога. Нужен, как пятое колесо в телеге. Нужен, как рыбке зонтик.

4. After rain comes fair weather - После ненастья наступает хорошая погода. Ср. Не всё ненастье, будет и красное солнышко. Не всё ненастье, будет и вёдро.

5. It never rains but it pours - Беды обрушиваются не дождем, а ливнем. Ср. Пришла беда — отворяй ворота. Беда на беде, бедою погоняет.

6. April weather - то дождь, то солнце, то смех, то слезы.

7. for a rainy day – на черный день

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8. Every dark cloud has a silver lining - Всякое темное облако серебром оторочено. Ср. Нет худа без добра.

9. As welcome as flowers in May - Такой же желанный, как цветы в мае (т. е. долгожданный, желанный, весьма кстати).

Quiz

1. I don't think you need to bring an umbrella. It's only _____ now.
   A. drought B. drizzling 2 C. sleet D. raindrop
1. A _____ is a dangerous tropical storm.
   A. snowstorm B. blizzard 3 C. hurricane D. precipitation
2. I stepped in a _____ and got my pant legs all wet.
   A. peddle B. paddle 4 C. puddle D. piddle
3. There was a _____ in the middle of summer; we didn't have to turn our air-conditioner on for weeks.
   A. forecast 5 B. cold spell C. humidity D. rainbow
4. We had to stop playing baseball because we didn't want to get struck by _____.
   A. thunder B. frost C. drizzle D. lightning
5. It was too _____ for the pilot to land the plane.
   A. snowstorm B. cats and dogs. C. drizzle C. smog D. foggy
6. If you let me borrow your _____ I'll be able to see better.
   A. thermometer B. shade 8 C. suntan lotion D. degrees
7. Don't be surprised if you get a light _____ every afternoon on that island.
   A. shower B. hail 9 C. tornado D. sunny
8. When I looked at the _____ it said ten degrees.
   A. sun B. scorcher 10 C. thermometer D. UV
9. _____ will prevent you from getting a burn.
   A. sunshine B. sunscreen C. tanned D. umbrella

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