

Weather conditions

Notice that it is very common to form adjectives by adding *-y*.

noun	adjective
fog	foggy
cloud	cloudy
the cold	cold
ice	icy

noun	adjective	verb
sun	sunny	the sun is shining
wind	windy	the wind is blowing
snow	snowy	it's snowing
rain	wet	it's raining

There are common word partners to describe weather conditions:

It was very cloudy this morning, but the **sun came out** after lunch. [appeared]

The accident happened in **thick fog** [bad fog].

We had some **heavy rain** at the weekend. [a lot of rain; *opp* **light rain**]

There was a **strong wind** when we were on the boat. [a lot of wind]

The **wind** has **blown** all the apples off the tree.

It rained in the morning, but the **sky** was **clear** by lunchtime. [no clouds]

It's been **extremely cold** today. [very; also **extremely hot/windy**]

B Rain and storms

For heavy rain we often use the verb **pour**, e.g. **pour with rain**. For short periods of light or heavy rain, we use the noun **shower**. A **storm** is heavy rain with strong winds.

It **poured with rain** this afternoon.

Look, it's really **pouring (with rain)** now.

We had a couple of **heavy/light showers** this morning.

A period of hot weather sometimes ends with a **thunderstorm**.

First it becomes very **humid** [the air feels very warm and wet], then you hear **thunder** and see **lightning**, and it's followed by heavy rain.



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C *cloudy*
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Complete the sentences.

- 1 We had really thick *fog*..... this morning.
- 2 I don't mind wet weather if it stays quite mild. I just hate the
- 3 We had a heavy this morning, but it only lasted a few minutes.
- 4 It was with rain when we left the house.
- 5 It was minus ten in New York yesterday. It is often below here in winter. It's cold!
- 6 It's getting very humid. We might have a later.
- 7 It was cloudy and grey this morning, but when the sun out it was quite hot.
- 8 What's the today? It feels much colder than yesterday.
- 9 It was hot sitting in the sun, but under the beach umbrella it was nice and

Do you have these weather conditions in your country? When do you have them?

humid weather

storms and thunderstorms

strong winds

thick fog

temperatures below zero

showers

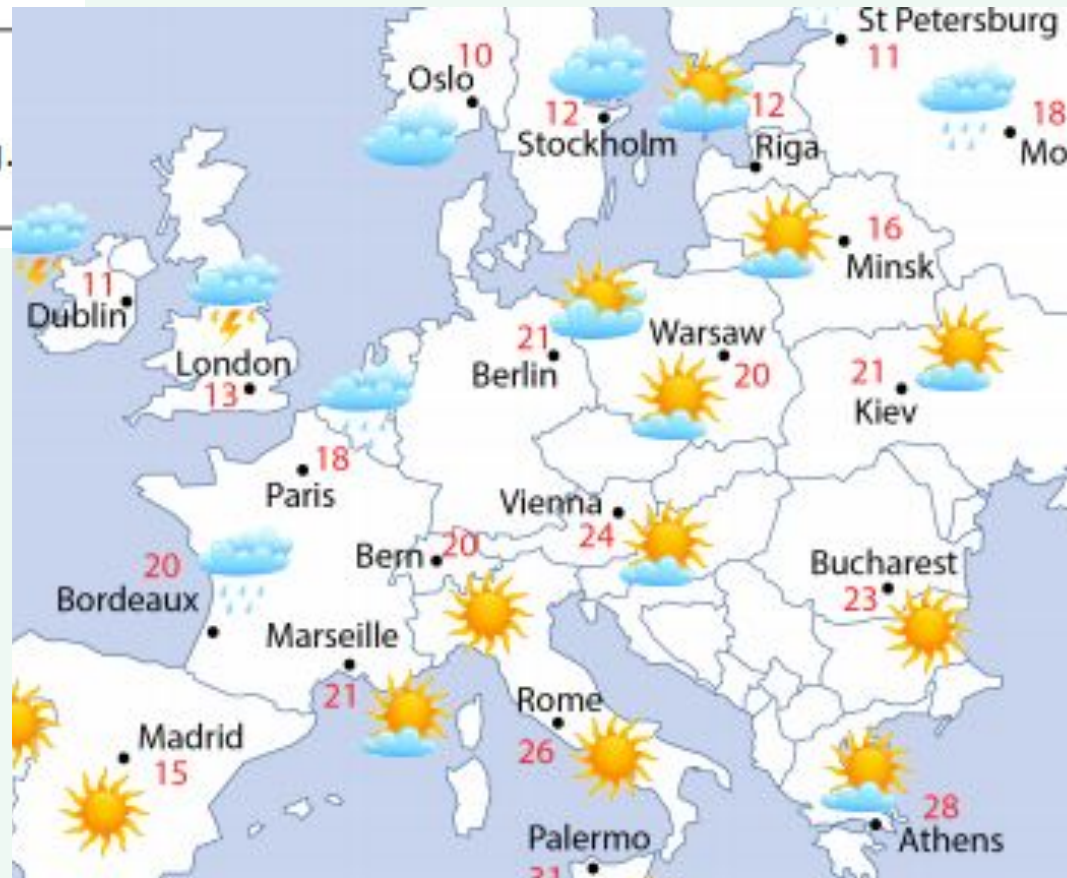
It's almost the weekend, and a lot of people are going away. We're going to look at the European weather forecast for Saturday.

Let's start in England. It's going to be partly cloudy in London with a high of 11 degrees Celsius. Paris is also going to see familiar weather conditions. The rest of France is going to be warm and sunny with temperatures of 19 degrees Celsius in Bordeaux and 17 in Marseille. There is also going to be sunny weather in Italy. The temperature in Rome is going to be about 17 degrees Celsius.

It	's isn't	going to be	hot/cold. dry/wet. sunny/cloudy. rainy/stormy. warm/cool.
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It	's isn't	going to	rain. snow.
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There's	going to be	rain. snow. thunder/lightning. sunny weather.
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What's the weather going to be like in your location this weekend?

Strange Weather: Raining Frogs! Our planet's weather is a topic that is becoming more and more popular nowadays. This is because many places in our world are becoming hotter and, in fact, many scientists say that 2015 may be the hottest year our earth has ever seen. More and more ice is melting at the north and south poles of our planet, and with less ice there are fewer and fewer polar bears. Unfortunately, we may not be able to stop these changes before our world becomes a much more difficult place to live in. Let's face it, the weather on our planet is just very difficult to understand and even more difficult to control. Here is a very interesting example of our world's strange weather: one Roman man called 'Pliny the Elder' wrote about frogs raining from the skies almost two thousand years ago. Can this possibly be true? Yes, it can! Furthermore, not only can frogs 'rain', but also fish and other small animals. This can sometimes happen when a storm brings strong winds which blow over the tops of oceans or lakes. Small frogs and fish are not very heavy, so they can be picked up by the wind into clouds and carried over land where they fall down. Just a few frogs might rain down or maybe many more. In 2005, people in the European country of Serbia walked outside their homes after a storm and they discovered thousands of frogs trying to hop back to water. The Huffington Post, an online news service, tells of many more places in the world where this has happened. If you are interested to see what 'raining frogs' looks like, you can do a quick YouTube search for the 1999 movie 'Magnolia' (starring Tom Cruise). It shows thousands of frogs falling down on a small town in the United States.

1. The article is about how our world is getting hotter. (a) TRUE (b) FALSE (c) It doesn't say.
2. Why is there less ice at the north and south poles? (a) There are fewer polar bears. (b) It is not easy to live on our planet. (c) The weather is changing.
3. Pliny the Elder was an interesting man. (a) TRUE (b) FALSE (c) It doesn't say.
4. How many different kinds of animals does the article talk about? (a) three (b) four (c) two
5. What does the word 'it' refer to? (a) melting ice (b) frogs raining (c) a storm can bring strong winds
6. What does the word 'they' refer to? (a) frogs and fish (b) oceans and lakes (c) storms
7. How many websites does the article mention? (a) two (b) three (c) one
8. Where do frogs USUALLY rain from the skies? (a) America (b) Serbia (c) It doesn't say.

Write about some strange weather that you have experienced or heard about.

Which words below describe the weather today

below zero	flood	icicle	snowy	tornado
Celsius	fog	icy	storm	typhoon
centigrade	foggy	lightning	stormy	warm
climate	freeze	rain	sun	weather
cloud	frost	rainbow	sunburn	channel
cloudy	frostbite	rainy	sunglasses	weather
cool	global warming	sandstorm	sunny	forecast
cold	hail	satellite photo	suntan	weather map
cyclone	hailstorm	shade	sweat	weather report
degree	hot	shiver	temperature	weather
drought	hurricane	snow	thermometer	reporter
dry	ice	snowman	thunder	wind
Fahrenheit	ice age	snowstorm	thunderstorm	windy
				wind chill

Ex. 11 *What kinds of weather do you think caused the following to happen? Write a sentence which could go before each of these.*

1. We had to sit in the shade every afternoon.
2. The sweat was pouring out of us.
3. I can hardly breathe; I wish it would rain to cool us down.
4. Cars were skidding out of control.
5. Even the postman had to use a boat to get around.
6. They had to close the airport; the snow was a metre deep.
7. We were able to sit in the garden in the middle of winter.
8. The earth became rock-hard and a lot of plants died.
9. It blew the newspaper clean out of my hands.
10. A row of big trees had been uprooted like matchsticks.
11. I could hardly see my hand in front of my face.

Ex. 14 Complete the following statements.

1. We'd better stay at home. There's a thunderstorm approaching. Look,
2. I suppose the weather will turn to fine because ...
3. It's pouring. What a pity I've left my umbrella at home, now ...
4. The air is wonderfully fresh because ...
5. I don't like autumn because ...
6. When the thaw sets in, it is extremely unpleasant to walk because ...
7. What is the weather forecast for tomorrow? They say ...
8. The weather is changing. I'm sure we ...
9. What nasty weather! It has been drizzling since morning, and ...
10. How fresh the air is! It comes from the orchards ...



- A. In my opinion the most beautiful season in Europe is spring. In May the weather is finest, and all nature is loveliest. The trees put forth little buds and new leaves; the meadows grow green again. The first spring flowers: snowdrops, primroses make their appearance. The sky is blue, the sun is bright and the air is fragrant with the sweet scent of lilacs and jasmine.
- The trees break into blossom, the flowers begin to bloom, the busy bees are at work. The first birds: rooks and starlings build their nests, and every morning there is loud singing of the nightingales in the trees.

B. I like [redacted] in fact I prefer it to any other season. [redacted] the trees, the flowers are in full blossom, I like "Leafy [redacted]", "the Month of Roses". A sweet smell rises from the blooming roses, daisies and green grass. A warm soft breeze stirs the leaves of the birchtrees. How beautiful are the fields around! The wheat is golden, the grass is green. If the heat gets too oppressive, we enjoy bathing in the river. What a pleasure it is to lie on the sandy beach and get sun-tanned or splash in the water and swim.

[redacted] is the very crown and perfection of summer. The hot sun ripens the corn and the fruit, and the collective farmers get ready for the harvest. There are plenty of strawberries, cherries, gooseberries, raspberries, blackberries, plums, apricots, peaches which are ripe and afford a treat for old and young.

And what pleasure can be compared with that of watching the glorious sunrise and sunset! It's a real delight!

C. Strange as it may seem, I like [redacted] Is there anything more beautiful than an Indian summer!*

Nature looks beautiful then. The golden trees change their colour from green to dark brown and bright yellow. It is usually cool and sunny.

In rainy weather there's nothing more pleasant for me than to sit comfortably in my armchair and read a book.

D. When [redacted] is over, [redacted] sets in. It is the season of snowstorms and ice, of frozen rivers and ponds, and of slippery streets, but I don't mind it all. I enjoy skating on the ice, or skiing in the woods. In snowy weather tobogganing is my favourite pastime. Then think of the joy of the children! At the first snowfall they are out making snowmen, building snowhuts, and playing snowballs of course, if the [redacted] is severe, one must take care not to get frost-bitten. To me, [redacted] has its own peculiar beauty, and there is no reason to feel bored when there is such a lot of time for books, theatres and concerts, and the cinema.

1. **When the 'temperature' is 'below zero'**
 - a) a sandstorm is more possible
 - b) people will often sweat
 - c) it might be possible to make a snowman
 - d) many people like to suntan
2. **Which of the following words means 'Celsius'?**
 - a) centigrade
 - b) cyclone
 - c) degree
 - d) Fahrenheit
3. **Which of the following words means the opposite of 'drought'?**
 - a) freeze
 - b) flood
 - c) sweat
 - d) tornado
4. **Which of the following colors best describes 'fog'?**
 - a) blue
 - b) green
 - c) white
 - d) yellow
8. **Which of the following words best describes 'rainbow'?**
 - a) beautiful
 - b) dangerous
 - c) warm
 - d) windy
9. **Which of the following things can 'shade' do?**
 - a) tell you what the temperature is
 - b) tell you if tomorrow will be sunny
 - c) help keep you cool
 - d) all of the above
10. **Which word best describes the weather when people 'shiver'?**
 - a) cold
 - b) dry
 - c) hot
 - d) warm
11. **Which of the following things can a 'thermometer' do?**
 - a) tell you what the temperature is
 - b) tell you if tomorrow will be sunny
 - c) help keep you cool
 - d) none of the above

5. Which of the following words best describes *'hail'*?

- a) cyclone
- b) degree
- c) global warming
- d) ice

6. Which of the following words best describes *'hurricane'*?

- a) cloud
- b) frostbite
- c) icicle
- d) storm

7. Which of the following things will you probably hear, if you see *'lightning'*?

- a) global warming
- b) a snowman
- c) thunder
- d) a weather reporter

12. What should you do if you see a *'tornado'*?

- a) put on sunglasses
- b) make a snowman
- c) run away
- d) take a satellite photo

13. Which of the following words best describes *'weather channel'*?

- a) magazine
- b) newspaper
- c) radio
- d) television

14. Which of the following words best describes *'wind chill'*?

- a) rainy
- b) temperature
- c) ice age
- d) sunny