

TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER

Main theme addressed	In this lesson, you will learn about the weather.
Key Goals	<p>Here is an outline of what you will learn:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to form a sentence describing the weather? 2. Nouns and adjectives 3. Questions about the weather 4. Some expressions in connection to the weather and their definitions 5. Some expressions in connection with water 6. Some expressions in connection with storms 7. Some expressions in connection with the sun 8. Some other general phrases about the weather

1. How to form a sentence describing the weather?

- to describe the weather, we start the sentence with **It is** -

It is + adjective or **It is + verb-ing**

It is + adjective = the phrase describes the weather

- **It is** sunny today.
- **It's** hot and humid today.
- **It's** very cold today.

- You can also use:

It is a(n) + adjective + day (or any part of the day)

- **It's** a fine day.
 - **It's** a sunny morning.
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- **It is + verb-ing** = This is the weather **now**.
 - It's drizzling outside.
 - It's snowing, be careful.
 - Take an umbrella, it's raining.
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- The form **it is** can be used in different tenses
 - **It was** cold last week.
 - **It will be** cloudy next week.

* **Note: when describing the weather, words can be:**

- nouns
 - Example: We didn't go because of the **rain**.
- verbs
 - Example: I think it is going to **rain** later.
- adjectives
 - Example: It's a **rainy** morning.

2. Nouns and adjectives

In most cases we can letter Y to the end of a noun and create an adjective.

- rain (noun) - rainy (adjective)
- sun (noun) - sunny (adjective)
- wind (noun) - windy (adjective)
- cloud (noun) - cloudy (adjective)
- fog (noun) - foggy (adjective)

*** Note: If we have a one-syllable verb ending in one consonant letter preceded by one vowel letter, the final consonant letter is doubled (apart from "w, x, y").**

3. Questions about the weather

We can use the following questions to ask about the weather:

- What's it like outside?
- How's the weather?
- What's the weather like?
- What's the temperature?
- What's the weather forecast?

Exercise:

Describe the weather shown in the picture.

Example:



What is the weather like today? It is sunny.



1. What is the weather like today?



2. What is the weather like today?

Answers:

1. It is rainy.
2. It is windy.

3. Some expressions in connection to the weather and their definitions

Clear or cloudy

bright (adjective)	full of light, there is sun
sunny (adjective)	the sun is shining, no clouds in the sky
clear (adjective)	no clouds in the sky
fine (adjective)	no rain
partially cloudy (adjective)	there are some clouds in the sky, but no rain
cloudy (adjective)	there are many clouds in the sky
overcast (adjective)	you cannot see the sky because of the clouds
gloomy (adjective)	there are dark clouds in the sky and it is quite dark because of this

Exercise

Choose the right word to complete the sentence.

- bright
- cloudy
- partially cloudy

1. There are some clouds in the sky, but not many – it is _____.

2. What a _____ day we have today, there is not a single cloud in the sky.

3. You cannot see a single star in the sky tonight, it is so _____.

Answers:

1. partially cloudy
2. bright
3. cloudy

When it is harder to see everything because of the weather, we can use the following phrases:

fog (noun)	foggy (adjective)	lots of clouds close to the ground
mist (noun)	misty (adjective)	light fog
haze (noun)	hazy (adjective)	light mist, created by the heat

Types of rain

damp (adjective)	a little bit wet
drizzle (verb/noun)	slight rain
shower (noun)	a short period of rain
rain (verb/noun)	water falling from the clouds in the shape of drops
downpour / pour (noun)	heavy rain
torrential rain (noun)	very heavy rain
flood (verb/noun)	when grounds are covered with a lot of water, usually because of the rain

Exercise

Choose the right word to complete the sentence.

- flood
- damp
- shower

1. It was such a bad _____ that the weather was destroying houses and cars. Poor people had to leave their houses.

2. The weather was perfect, there was only a short _____ on Monday, but it ended in 15 minutes.

3. When the rain stopped, everything was really _____. We couldn't even sit outside because everything was wet.

Answers:

1. flood
2. shower
3. damp

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hail (noun)	frozen water falling from the sky in the shape of balls of ice
snow (noun/verb)	frozen water falling from the sky in the shape of snowflakes
snowflake (noun)	a piece of snow
sleet (noun/verb)	snow or hail mixed with rain
blizzard (noun)	strong snowstorm with strong winds

exercise

choose the right word to complete the sentence

- hail
- snowflake
- blizzards

1. they have a lot of _____ during the winter; when they happen, people cannot get outside for weeks.

2. there was a strong storm with _____, so many cars and windows were destroyed.

3. the children were so excited when the snow started; they wanted to catch each _____.

Answers:

1. blizzards
2. hail
3. snowflake

Types of wind

breeze	a soft wind
blustery	strong wind
windy	continual wind
gale	a very strong wind
hurricane/cyclone	strong thunderstorms with winds and heavy rain

Exercise:

Choose the right word to complete the sentence.

- breeze
- windy
- hurricane

1. The _____ was destroying houses and trees.
2. It was so nice to be outside in the evening because there was a small, pleasant _____ which really cooled the air down.
3. It was quite _____, which was fantastic for the surfers.

Answers:

1. hurricane
2. breeze
3. windy

4. Some expressions in connection with water

Drought (noun)

- long time without rain which causes lack of water in the area
- Example: A lot of the crops dried up because of the drought.

Puddle (noun)

- a small pool of water on the ground
- Example: The kids jumped in the puddles on the way home from school.

5. Some expressions in connection with storms

Lightning

- (noun) A flash of light in the sky during a storm
- Example: Lightning lit the sky many times that night.

Thunder (noun/verb)

- a strong sound in the clouds after lightning
- Example: The cat hid inside because it was scared by the thunder.

6. Some expressions in connection with the sun

Sunburn (noun)

- skin turning red because of the sun.
- Example: If you don't put on your sunscreen, you'll get sunburn.

Sunshine (noun)

- the light and heat of the sun
- Example: I could feel the warm sunshine on my back.

7. Some other general phrases about the weather

Forecast (noun)

- prediction about the weather in the near future
- Example: The forecast says it's going to rain tomorrow.

Rainbow (noun)

- different colours in the sky after the sun shines through rain
- Example: I took a photo of a beautiful rainbow that was just above the lake.

Smog (noun)

- dark clouds of pollution over a certain area
- Example: The view of the city wasn't very good because it was covered in thick smog.

Exercise

Choose the right word to complete the sentence.

- puddles
- rainbow
- sunburn

1. He did not want to come under the shade so now he has a really bad _____, he is all red.

2. When the rain stopped, all of a sudden, a really beautiful, colourful _____ appeared in the sky.

3. After the rain stopped, I put waterproof boots on my children's feet and they went outside to jump into the _____.

Answers

1. sunburn
2. rainbow
3. puddles

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