

## TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER

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

### 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.
  
- **It is + verb-ing** = This is the weather **now**.
  - It's drizzling outside.
  - It's snowing, be careful.
  - Take an umbrella, it's raining.
  
- 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?

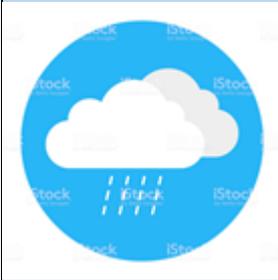
**Exercise:**

Describe the weather shown in the picture.

Example:



What is the weather like today? It is sunny.



1. What is the weather like today?

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2. What is the weather like today?

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## 4. Some expressions in connection to the weather and their definitions

### Clear or cloudy

<b>bright</b> (adjective)	full of light, there is sun
<b>sunny</b> (adjective)	the sun is shining, no clouds in the sky
<b>clear</b> (adjective)	no clouds in the sky
<b>fine</b> (adjective)	no rain
<b>partially cloudy</b> (adjective)	there are some clouds in the sky, but no rain
<b>cloudy</b> (adjective)	there are many clouds in the sky
<b>overcast</b> (adjective)	you cannot see the sky because of the clouds
<b>gloomy</b> (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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

### Types of rain

<b>damp</b> (adjective)	a little bit wet
<b>drizzle</b> (verb/noun)	slight rain
<b>shower</b> (noun)	a short period of rain
<b>rain</b> (verb/noun)	water falling from the clouds in the shape of drops
<b>downpour / pour</b> (noun)	heavy rain
<b>torrential rain</b> (noun)	very heavy rain
<b>flood</b> (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.

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

**Exercise:**

**Choose the right word to complete the sentence.**

- hail
- snowflake
- blizzard

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 \_\_\_\_\_.

**Types of wind**

<b>breeze</b>	a soft wind
<b>blustery</b>	strong wind
<b>windy</b>	continual wind
<b>gale</b>	a very strong wind
<b>hurricane/cyclone</b>	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.

## 5. 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.

## 6. 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.

## 7. 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.

## 8. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

**Learn more:**

<https://www.vocabulary.cl/english/weather.htm>

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